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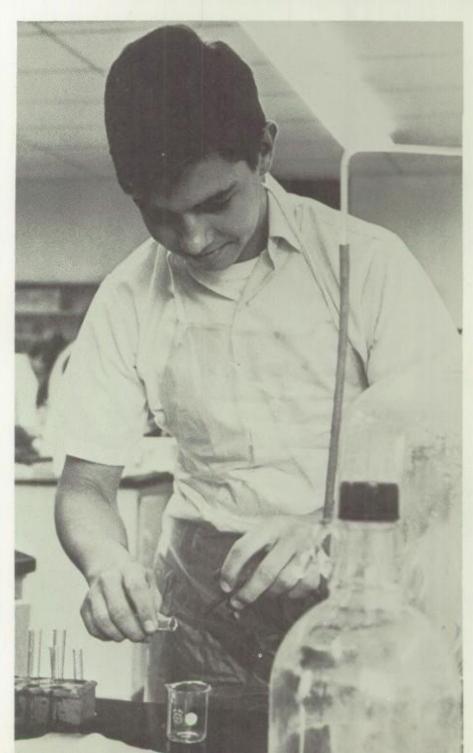
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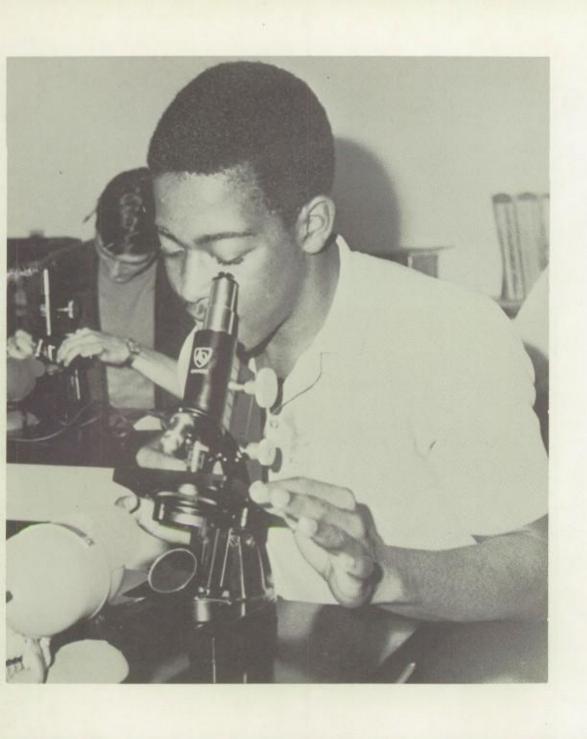
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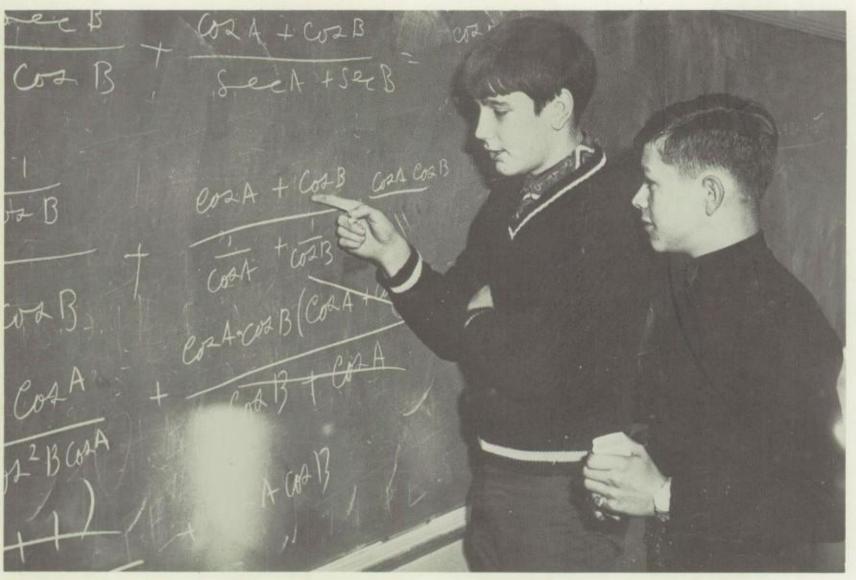
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desire to excel









# Participation . . .

involvement with others



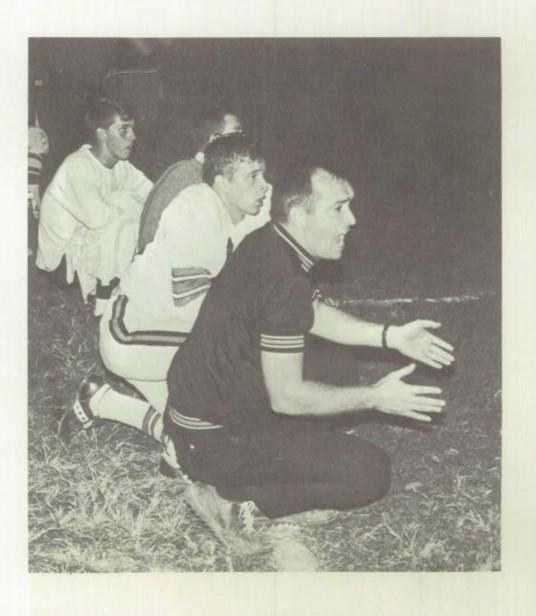




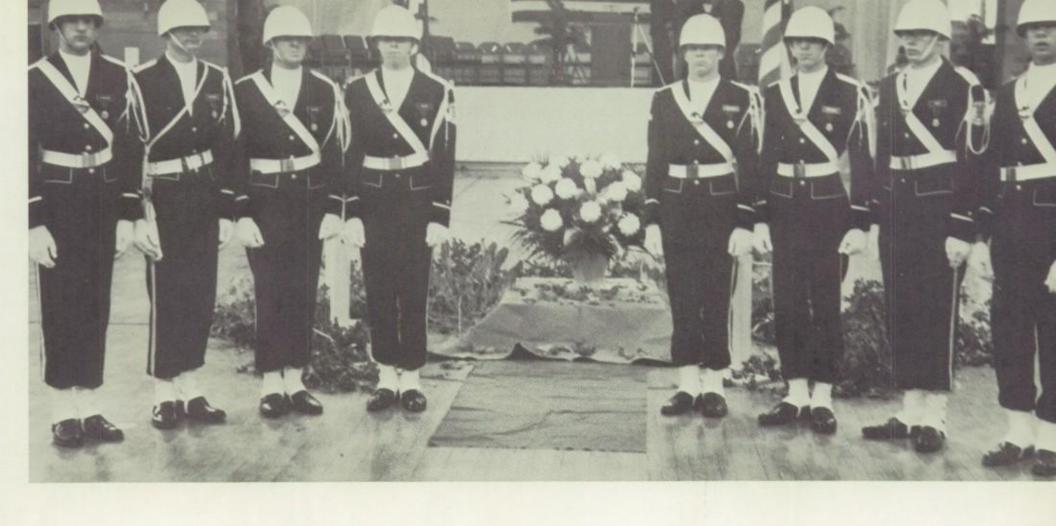


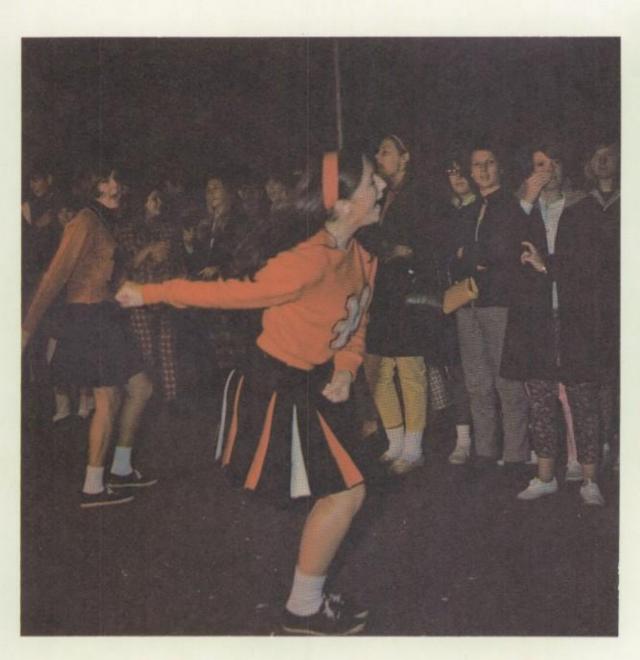
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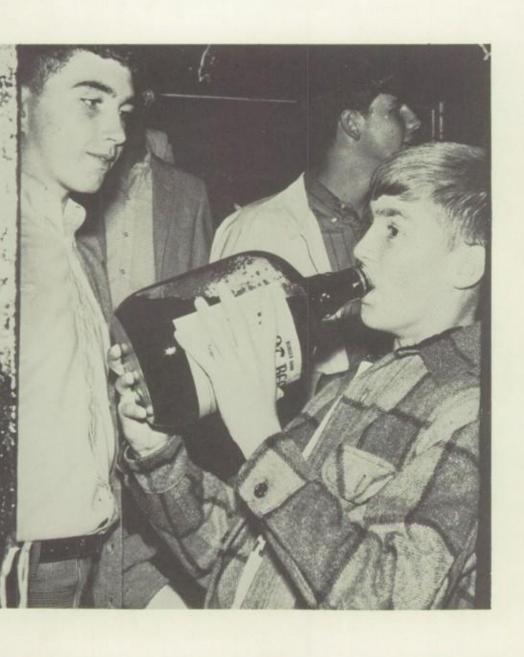


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struggle to achieve











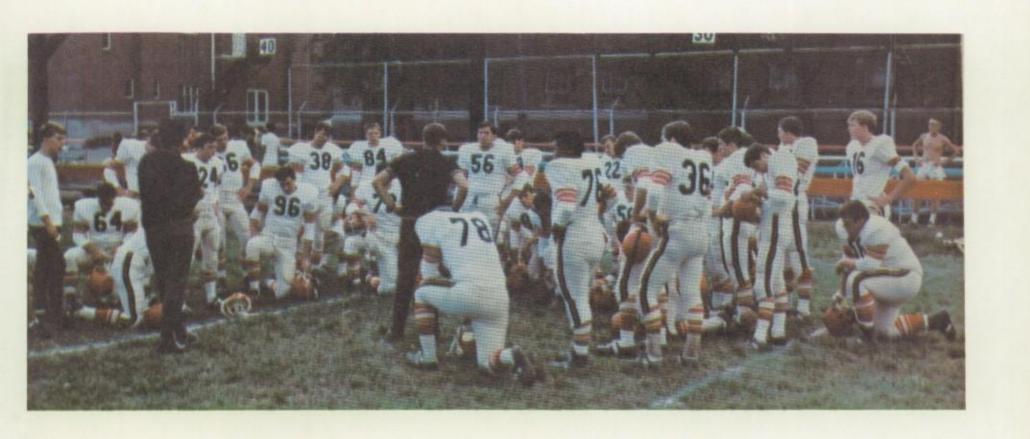
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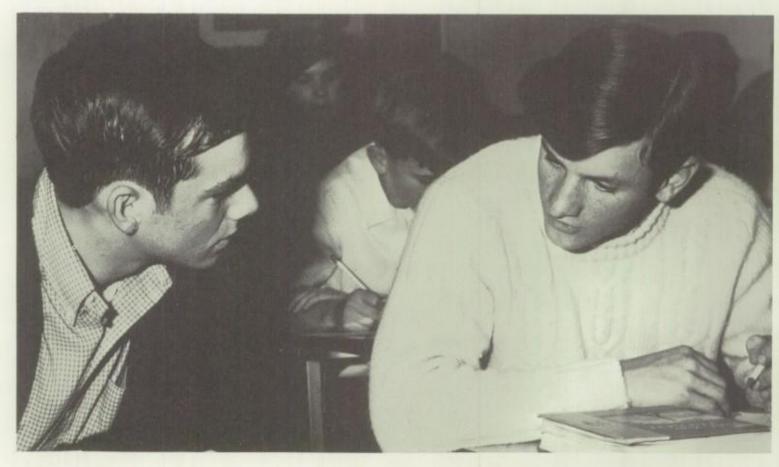


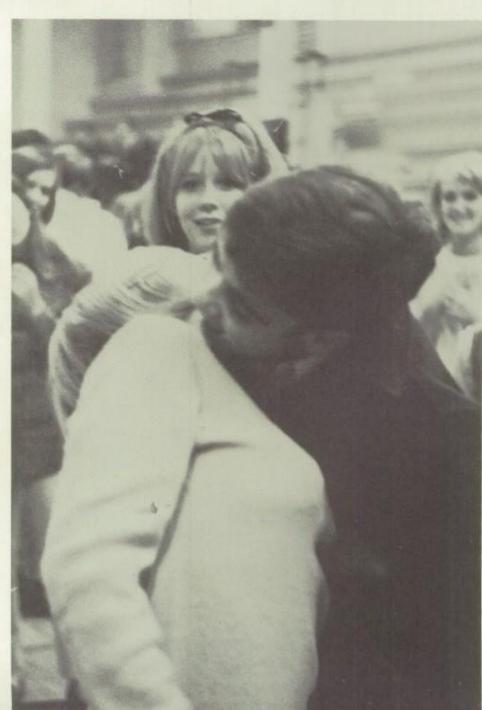




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simplicity of small talk



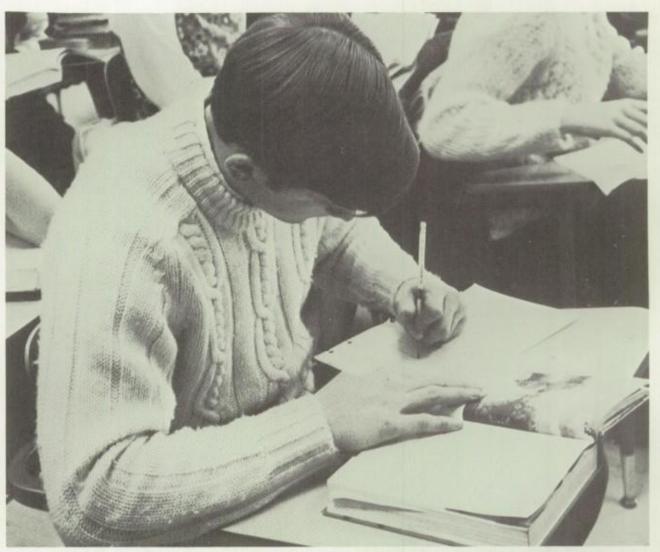


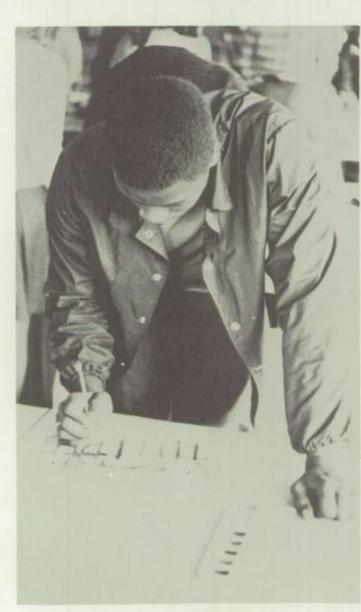




# Individuality . . .

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ACADEMICS

## Mr. Shields - the Administrator; the Friend

To have a program that will enable each graduate of this high school to be a contributor rather than a burden to society is, in his own words, Mr. J. D. Shields' goal as an educator and as superintendent of Mt. Vernon Township High School. As administrator under the direction of the school board, Mr. Shields enforces school policies and also makes recommendations to the board concerning the budget, long-range building plans, and the selection of teachers and other employees. Mr. Shields also acts as the communication link between the school and the community, seeing that good relations are maintained and that the school retains its good status in the eyes of Mt. Vernon residents.

Mr. Shields, the administrator, is also Mr. Shields, the friend. He not only participated in activities uncalled for in his long list of superintendent's duties, but he was right there ready and willing to help when the Latin Banquet was almost canceled as he gave up an entire day fixing the multitudes of food. Announcing at football games and sponsoring the Student Council as an avid worker cannot be measured. As Mr. Shields himself put it, "I am here to help the students of MtVTHS; and I feel the best way to do this is to know them, their needs, and their desires—and to become involved."

Miss Edith Cates serves as secretary to Mr. Shields as well as to the School Board.





Completing his second year as superintendent, Mr. Shields has helped stude and contributed to many new improvements throughout the school.



Besides being concerned with student welfare, Mr. Woodrome is active in school activities and community projects.

## Mr. Woodrome Regulates School Rules

Eleanor Archer performs several duties as personal secretary to Mr. Woodrome seeps efficient records of student attendance.



Mr. Archie Woodrome, as principal of MtVTHS, was responsible for running the school on a day by day basis. He attends to disciplinary actions against those students who have been expelled, suspended, tardy, or who have violated any school policy. Several times girls with dresses too short and boys with hair too long found their way to Mr. Woodrome's office for an escorted ride home or to the barber shop. The new detention system of alternating morning and afternoon sessions was, in Mr. Woodrome's own words, "designed to help those who work outside the school so that they may serve their detention more easily and promptly." Fulfilling his role in the community, Mr. Woodrome is an active member of the Lion's Club and the American Legion. As an ardent Ram fan, he rarely misses a sporting event, whether it be varsity or junior varsity.

## Board of Education Approves Dress Code

The Board of Education for Mt. Vernon Township High School was composed of seven citizens who were elected to serve as board members from the Mt. Vernon district. The purpose of the Board of Education is to improve the school and its policies for the betterment of the students. The board rules on matters concerning the suspending and/or expelling of a student and the appointing, paying, and dismissing of teachers. On many occasions it works along with the Student Council.

This year's president was Jack McDonald, who has been a board member since 1964 and is the owner of McDonald's Sales and Service. Robert Lipps, vice-president, has been a member of the board since 1960 and is the owner of Lipps' Construction Company.

Other board members were as follows: V. N. Chaney, previous board president and owner of D. H. Wise Clothing Store; Mrs. Janice Dixon, board member since 1963; Dr. William McAtee, Mt. Vernon dentist and board member since 1964; Ben Martin, co-owner of Guy Wood Insurance Agency and board member since 1959; and Guy Wood, Jr., president of the King City Federal Savings and Loan Association, and a board member since 1954.

In addition to these seven elected board members, those who served on the Board were Miss Edith Cates, secretary; Paul M. Fitch, treasurer; and J. D. Shields, Superintendent of Mt. Vernon Township High School.



This year's president, Mr. Jack McDonald, has promoted many policies for the betterment of the school and the students.



Board of Education—Row One: Superintendent J. D. Shields, Miss Edith Cates, Mrs. James Dixon, Mr. V. N. Chaney; Row Two: Dr. William McAtee, Mr. Robert Lipps, Mr. Ben Martin, Mr. Jack McDonald, Mr. Guy Wood Jr., Mr. Paul Fitch.



The key to the students help is Mrs. Lawanda Kee.



Mr. Wiman and Tom Scherer discuss next year's schedule and Tom's future plans.

### Guidance Assists Students With Future Careers



Guidance Assistants-Vivian Warner, Sandra Zelman, Kathy Lee, Nancy Shields, Jan Pemberton.

The Guidance Department is a staff of specially trained personnel. These professional counselors were available to assist the students in obtaining vocational and scholarship information, in discussing personal problems, and in selecting courses of study. An addition to the Guidance Department this year was the orientation class that all freshmen were required to take for one quarter. This course was designed to help the newcomers to become better acquainted with the school and their part in it.

Although the department heads made changes in their own departments, the Guidance personnel coordinated and implemented these changes to fit in with the previous schedules.



MR. EDWARD GIESELMAN



MRS. ANNA MAE SCHUH



MRS. KATHERINE FITZGERRELL Guidance and School Nurse



MR. RONALD HARPER Guidance Director



MR. RONALD WILSON Guidance and Orientation



MR. LAVERE WINDHORST



MR. FERRELL WIMAN



liss Joyce Dillingham, the morning switchboard operator and receptionist, greets coming callers with an alert and cheerful voice.



One of our newest money managers, Mr. Paul Craig, pays all bills and sign checks dealing with salaries and school activities.



Mrs. Dixie Wilson keeps accurate records and grades of all students throughout the year for their future college and occupational needs.

## Personnel Meets School's Business Needs

A familiar bookroom face, Mrs. Betty Lang, handles all school money and orders and repairs textbooks used by students.



Agriculture is a shop and classroom course offered to boys in our school who are interested in farming careers.

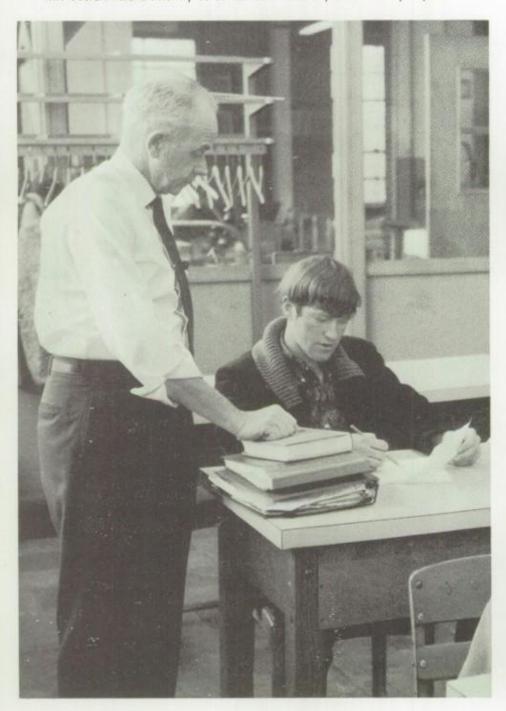
The department is headed by Mr. Gaston who taught four courses in modern agriculture methods. Agriculture I covered some of the basic problems that the students might someday face. Besides the farm work, the students also learned the business side of running a farm. Agriculture II was a more advanced study of running a farm. Agriculture III and IV were courses designed to give the advanced study of agriculture in the classroom and the shop.

Agriculture students were eligible to become members of the Future Farmers of America Club that was designed to train young farmers.



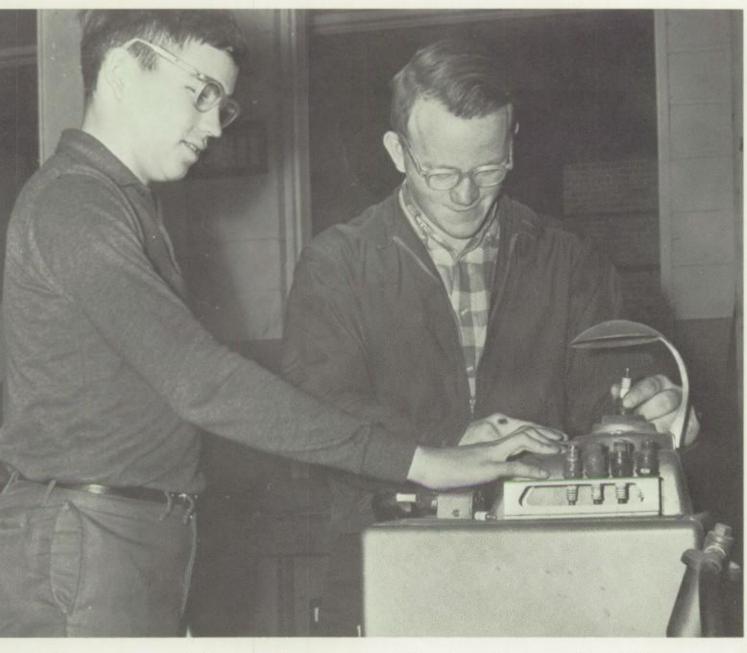
MR. CARL GASTON

Mr. Gaston listens intently as Senior Burl Artis explains his crop layout.



Dwight Mooney and Gary Wangler operate one of the many machines available to the agriculture students.





During the winter, agriculture students learn to operate machines that may later prove useful on the farm.

# Agriculture Prepares Our Future Farmers

Before the agriculture students apply their knowledge on a farm, they first prepare through the classroom.





MRS. ALMA BIAGI Department Head



Robby Mason works diligently on his art project.

### Art Department Encourages Creativity

The students in the Art Department not only learn a better understanding of and an appreciation for all art forms, but they also put their knowledge to use by painting backdrops and scenery for school productions and by designing posters for the "Hire the Handicapped" and the "Fire Prevention" campaign weeks.

The four art courses are designed to progress and widen the students' abilities. Art I, which stresses creativity, offers the beginning student a chance to experiment with various media. Art II students work with more advanced creativity and composition, while Art III students are allowed to pursue their own interests and problems. Commercial Art is designed for the person planning a career in art. It teaches the different art methods used in business.



These art students express their creative talent as Mrs. Biagi supervises.



t Assistants—Row 1:Donna Casada, Sue Schallert, Angie Pipes, Dianne Hill; Row 2: Tomherer, Robert Bullock.



Audrey McCabe realizes that a clean brush is essential while painting.

The strains of perfection are expressed by Steve Coward as he concentrates on finishing his masterpiece.





Kathy Shelton prepares for the business world ahead by taking office practice.



While using the copy machine, Cathy Fowler pauses for a moment to water a classmate work with the mimeograph machine.

## Business Education — a Future Advantage

After having completed the basic courses offered in the Business Department of MtVHS, one is capable of succeeding in the business field. Included among these basic courses are Recordkeeping, Personal Typing, Shorthand, Typing I, Secretarial Training, and Clerical Training.

Additional courses were offered this year which have never been taught here before. These courses are as follows: Business English; Salesmanship; Notetaking; and Vocational Secretarial Office Practice.

Still new features of the Business Department this year were the electric typewriters and four simulated key punch machines.



Business Assistants—Row 1: Linda Cates, Cathy Fowler, Donna Casada; Row 2: Car Hails, Patrice Olson; Nikki Shields, Donna Jones.



An annual project of the typing classes is to prepare Christmas Seal envelopes.



As students in clerical training, Sherry Sigwerth and Martha Stevens have access to many of the business machines.



MR. CHARLES WAGNER Department Head



MR. ROBERT NOEL General Business, Marketing



MR. LARRY BURKETT Recordkeeping



MR. JUDY FREEMAN Recordkeeping



MRS. VICKI LEWIS Typing, Voc. Office Practice



MR. WARNER GREENLEE Bookkeeping



MR. JIM MILLER Typing



MR. HUBERT GRIFFITH Typing



MRS. ALBERTA CROY Shorthand, Typing



MISS JANET HOPPA Notetaking, Business English, Clerical Training



Sophomore Ada Downey seeks help from the driver's license examiner in order to complete her operator's permit form correctly.



MR. NOBLE THOMAS Driver's Education, Training



Driver's



MR. WILL LEE Driver's Education, Driver's Training



MR. FERRELL WIMAN Driver's Training

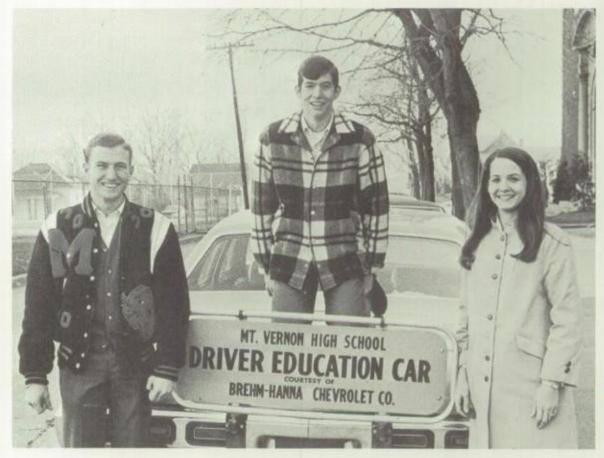


MR. SCOTT GILL Driver's Education, Training

#### Driver's

### New Law Stresses Value of Driver's Education

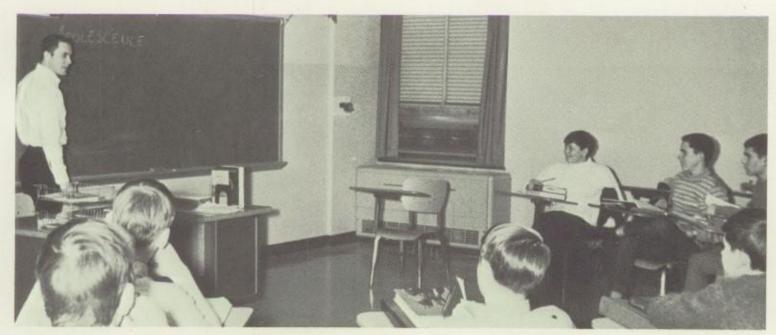
Driver's Education is designed to teach future licensed drivers the 'rules of the road.' As of the past year, the law required that unless a student had taken Driver's Education, he would not be eligible for his license until he was eighteen years of age. This emphasis on a good driving education shows the worth of learning road etiquette and laws. After this nine week classroom instruction, the student is ready to proceed to the 'behind the wheel' phase of instruction.



Driver's Education Assistants-Ken DiPrimo, Bob Feltmeier, Jean Harvey.



Freshman girls learn facts about everything from first aid to drugs.



Mr. Ellis explains the good and bad sides of "adolescence" for freshman students in boy's health.

## Health Enlightens Frosh on Harmful Habits



MRS. ANNA MAE SCHUH



MR. EMMETT ELLIS, JR.



MR. LESTER FUEQUAY

The required quarter of Health education enables the freshmen to better know themselves—their bodies, their habits, their attitudes, and their emotions. Through discussion panels, guest speakers, and projects, the student was helped to more fully understand and accept life's problems.



English assistants-Maryanne Payne, Starlyn Thompson, Louise Porter, Wanda Schneider, Jacqueline McReynolds.

### English Emphasizes Literature Appreciation

Freshman English is a program composed of three parts-literature, grammar, and composition. Special emphasis is placed on grammar, but short stories, epic poems, and paragraph writing are a big part of the study. This year's "greenies" also enjoyed reading Charles Dickens' novel Great Expectations. Sophomores spent much time studying grammar, but they also read and studied George Eliot's Silas Marner and the stirring lines of Mark Antony's funeral oration in Shakespeare's Julius Caesar. This year, Journalism I could not be taken instead of English III, a full year studying American literature and authors, practicing composition, and reviewing grammar. Those students who had time could also take Journalism I in addition to English. Journalism II was offered the second semester to those students who had had Journalism I and wished to take it. In English IV, an elective course for students again had a review of grammar and composition. In addition, students were challenged with the reading of Shakespeare's Macbeth, Dickens' A Tale of Two Cities, and projects dealing with Elizabethan history and the Medieval period.

The duties of an English instructor are pointed out by Mike Hindman as he helps one of his sophomore students, Vicki Webb.





MRS. LOUESA BECKMEYER English I



MISS MARGARET ANN CUMMINGS Department Head, English IV



MRS. MARY FOREMAN English I



MRS. NELDA SIMMONS Vernois Advisor, English III



MRS. DELPHINE CHANGNON English II



MRS. RUTH CAPPS English II



MR. DAVID SKORCH English I



MRS. DRUSILLA LOGAN English III



MRS. EVELYN POWERS Vernois News Advisor, English III-Journalism



MR. WILLIAM MONTFORT English II, Speech II



MR. MICHAEL HINDMAN Debate, English II



MISS SHARON HALL English I and II



MISS SUSAN CHAMPLIN English II and III



MR. JIM BLAIR English III and IV

Seniors taking English IV are depicted here as they absorb and assimilate a few of the historical facts of the Elizabethan period.





Mrs. Claxton supervises while Kathy Pigg decorated for the Father Daughter Chili Supper.



Brenda Capps seems to enjoy "Cooking up a storm!"

Mrs. Bookhart and Jane Crowder add the final touches to the Homemaking room's bulletin board.





RS. NELLIE CLAXTON
Demonsking, Department Head



NRS. RUTH BODY lothing I & II undamentals of Homemaking



MISS ANN BROOKHART Homemaking

#### Homemaking Adds Food Services Program

This year Home Economics I, formerly a composite one-year course with different areas taught each quarter, was divided into four new one-semester courses. They were Clothing I, Foods I, Personal and Family Relations, and Fundamentals of Homemaking. Similarly, Everyday Living, previously a one-year course open only to senior girls, was expanded into Marriage and Family Relationships, Child Care and Guidance, Home Management, and Housing and Interior Design—all one-semester coeducational courses for juniors and seniors.

Clothing II and Foods II remained Home Economics II courses, as did Foods III and Hospitality in Home Economics III. An advanced course was Tailoring. Response to these courses was so great that a new teacher, Miss Ann Brookhart, was hired.

Also new this year was the Food Services program. A two-year course for juniors only, although this year there were a few seniors, designed to give students one year of specific classroom preparation followed by on-the-job training their senior year.



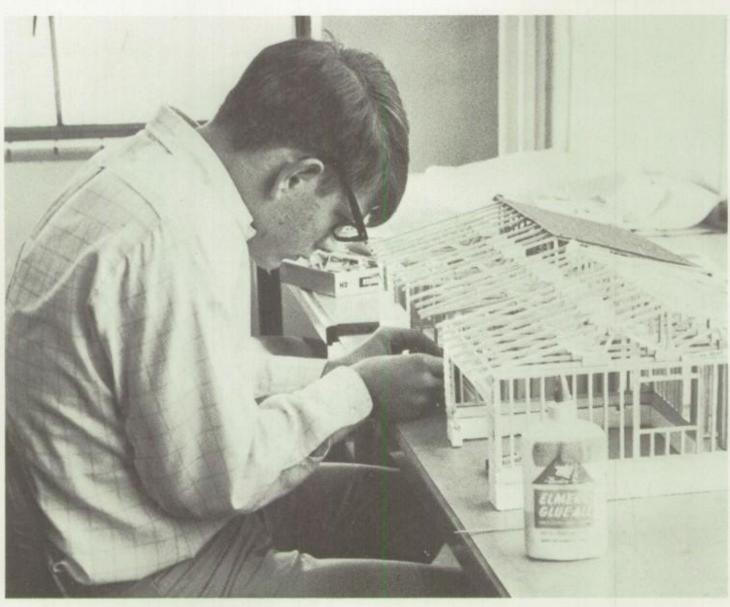
Homemaking Assistants—Row 1: Kathy Pigg, Carol Watts, Debbie Perrachiane, Patsy Beal; Row 2: Angela Ossig, Brenda Capps, Debbie Odle, Anita Echols, Bonnie Burton, Joyce Jinks, Sheila Winemiller, Marilyn Moore, Joyce Cook.



MR. HOWARD JONES Vocational Director



MR. LARRY MANKER Drafting, General Shop



Steve Tate constructs a small-scale model of the house now being built by the building trades class.



MR. CHARLES STALLINGS General Shop, Metal, Voc. N chine Shop



MR. ALEX WALTERS Auto Shop

Robert Schlag and Darrel Gray eagerly look on as one of t classmates explains a problem in circuitry.





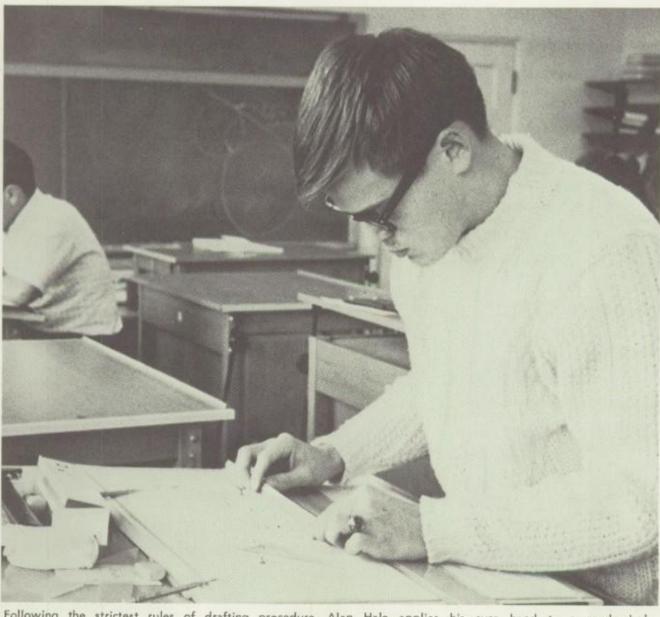
AR. ROBERT COATS
uilding Trades, General Shop,



R. RICHARD WALTON rafting, General Shop, Weld-



MR. JOHN BUFFAT Electricity



Following the strictest rules of drafting procedure, Alan Hale applies his sure hand to a mechanical drawing.

## Students Choose Future Vocational Trades



The Industrial Arts Department consists almost entirely of one-semester courses—Electricity I, II, and III; Drafting I, II, and III; General Metal and Metal II; Welding; Auto Shop I, II, and III; and Woodwork I, II, and III. General Shop, a survey of the various shops, is the only two-semester course. Specialized training is emphasized in the advanced courses. Building Trades, which met three hours daily, began its eleventh house west of town. Vinyl siding was used for the first time on any house project. Electricity Trades students wired the house, while the Vocational Drafting students designed it. The completion date for the project is sometime next year. Auto trades students worked on cars that various individuals in the community had brought to them.



Wanda Williams and Brenda Mooney demonstrate their ability in using secretarial machines.



Area vocational students learn auto mechanics through first hand experience.



These six area students learn the basic concepts of clerical training.



Mrs. Mada Turrentine serves as secretary to the Vocational department.



MR. EDWIN GIESELMAN Area Vocational Guidance Coordinator



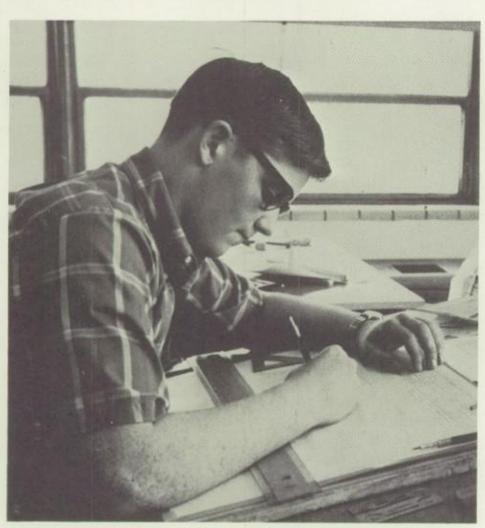
MR. LAVERE WINDHORST

## Vocational Center Gives Advantages to Small Town Students in Area



MRS. DARLENE FRANSCAVITCH Health Service Aid

Mr. Ed Gieselman, the new Area Vocational Guidance Coordinator, was responsible for adding Sesser and Dalhgren to the three-year old Area Vocational School. Two new programs became part of the Area School's curriculum this year —Health Service Aid, taught by Miss Darlene Franscavitch and Mrs. Shirley Yeargin; and Office Practices, taught by Mrs. Vicki Lewis.



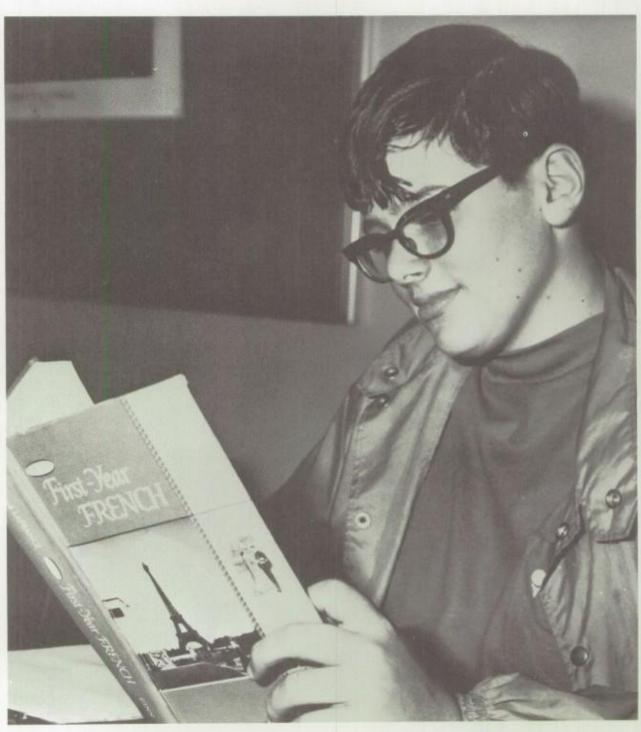
This working student applies his drafting ability to mechanical drawing.



Pat Blaylock and Brenda Carter explain a display from the Area Secondary Vocational Center.



Language Assistants-Jeri Sledge, Janice Smith, Lorena Rose, Connie Eveland, Ed Ronat, Kathy Shelton, Kathy Dickerson.



Michael McManamy shows deep concentration as he prepares his French assignment.

#### Foreign Languages — for College, or Travel



MRS. DELPHINE CHANGNON Latin



MISS ANN STEPHENS Spanish



MISS EMILY KELLEY Spanish



MRS. BETTY WECHSLER French

Foreign language can be a great challenge, and students whose English grades are "C" or higher can respond to this challenge and choose to take two years of any of the languages—Latin, French, or Spanish—that are offered at MtVHS.

Since French is fast becoming one of the most important cultural languages of our times, the first year French students learn correct pronunciation of the language; then French II emphasizes reading and writing in French, as well as vocabulary building.

Learning about the everyday experiences in the lives of Spanish-speaking people and how to converse in Spanish comprise the Spanish I students' studies. Spanish II offers a study of more advanced grammar and reading stories of Latin-American authors. Students also learn about the ancient and modern history of Mexico, and celebrate holidays in traditional Spanish fashion.

Observing Roman customs adds much to the study of the language for Latin students. Latin I consists of a thorough grammar study and Latin II students translate classic myths, history from Livy, and Caesar's "Commentaries on Gallic Wars." Latin students especially enjoy working their way through the ranks of a Roman citizen, celebrating the Roman holidays, most particularly Saturnalia and attending the Roman banquet.



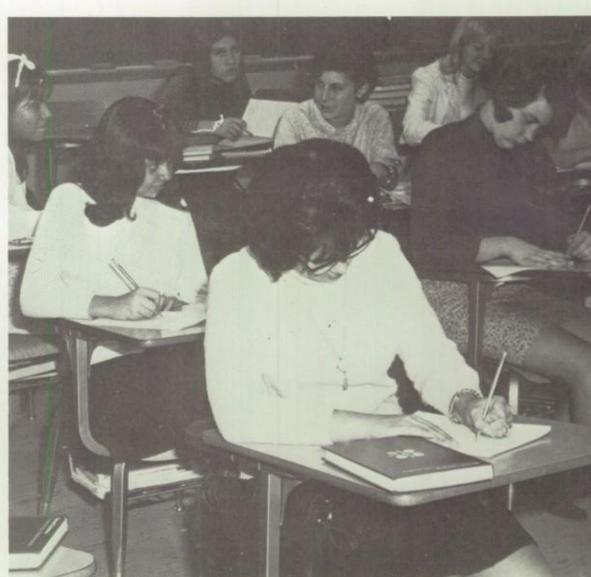
French I students may be seen as their minds wonder in a world of "parlez-vous français?"



Algebra II students await the explanation of an algebraic equation from Mr. Stoltz.

Mr. Childers demonstrates the Law of Absolute Value to his attentive students.





These general math students earnestly work the problems that the teacher assigns.

Math assistants—Row 1: Kathy Patterson, Diane Jones, Anna Null, Carol Fowler; Row 2: Susan Heidenreich, Carolyn Peele, Sheryl Guyton, Brenda Peele, Carol Hails.



### MtVTHS Math Team Rates Top Ten Percent



MR. FRANK KASSNER Department Head, Algebra II, College Algebra



MR. BYRON CHILDERS Algebra I, Advanced Algebra, General Math



MR. KENNETH COPPLE General Math



MISS ELEANOR RICHARDSON Plane Geometry



MR. WILLIAM CARTER General Math, Plane Geometry, Trigonometry



MR. MELVIN STOLTZ General Math, Algebra I and II



MR. FRANK KONE Algebra I



MRS. LINDA SHAW General Math, Plane Geometry, Algebra I

If someday you are walking into G building and you happen to walk into a room with all sorts of weird shapes, lines, and figures on the blackboards, have no fear! You're not in another world; you are simply seeing a few of the accomplishments of last hour's geometry class.

Students may fulfill their one year of required math in the freshman or sophomore year by taking either general math or Algebra I. This year, Algebra I text-books were used for the purpose of helping students become more adapted to the algebra program. Other courses in the department include Algebra II and plane geometry. Several one-semester courses—college algebra, analytic geometry, and trigonometry—are offered.

The math team, consisting of the top four students of each grade, traveled to Carbondale to compete with other students in taking math tests. Six out of the sixteen students from here received honorable mention, which means they were in the top ten percent of those competing.

General math students enjoy a brief moment of relaxation from their daily work.





Participants in All State—Chris Shepard, Beverly Byars, Nancy Dilley, Kirby Pigg, Brett Gibbs, Sue Fisher, Rick Nance, Angee Moses, Jeanie Wiehn, Kevin Davis, Stacie Smith, Stuart Smith, Barbara Reynolds, Jo Alice McGonigal, Ronnie Sanders.

#### Courses Inspire Music Appreciation

"Practice makes perfect," as the old saying goes, and practice is exactly what the members of the Music Department did to make their performances at school and community activities "just right." Some of the activities in which the Music Department performed were assemblies, pep rallies, basketball and football halftime shows, the operetta, and the graduation exercises.

Voice I, Sophomore Girls' Chorus, A Cappella Choir, and Boys' Chorus are the vocal courses offered by the department. The instrumental courses include Symphonic Band, Varsity Band, German Band, and the Symphonic and Varsity Orchestras. General Music, a former requirement for all students, was replaced this year by a one-semester course, Introduction to Music Listening. This year, other available courses were Music Literature and Music Theory.



Seniors Kevin Davis, Patrice Olson, Patty Prince, and Thurmond Drennan sing solos at the annual Christmas Musicale.



Music Assistants—Seated: Rick Nance, Janice Allen, John Underwood; Standing: Sue Fisher, Debby Grimm, Beverly Byars, Marti McClure, Diane Clark, Nikki Myers, Kathy Smith.



MR. W. H. BECKMEYER

Department Head, A Cappella
Choir, Voice I



MR. CHARLES GREGG Band



MR. TAL SMITH Music Theory, Orchestra, Sophomore Girls' Chorus



Mr. Beckmeyer instills the Christmas spirit in the student body at the annual Christmas assembly.



Girls' P.E. assistants—Diane Harris, Janice Ham, Joyce Willis, Lynette Miles, Terri Michel, Kathy Collins, Mary Beth Ward.



MR. NOBLE THOMAS Athletic Director



MRS. DOROTHY CARTER Department Head



MR. ROBERT ARNOLD Department Head



MR. EMMETT ELLIS, JR.

## Physical Education Builds Strong Bodies

The P.E. courses for girls were designed to teach the proper methods of playing various games and dancing. Competitive team sports—deck tennis, basketball, speedball, volleyball, and tennis—as well as individual activities—gymnastics, archery, golf, tumbling, tennis, and bowling—were offered to the girls. To improve coordination and agility, the girls also learned and practiced many types of dances.

To meet the state of Illinois' Physical education requirement, MtVHS has a well diversified program with competent teachers. The fall and spring program consisted of touch football, softball, and a modified version of soccer. The fundamentals and rules of these games were taught to the boys. During the winter months the principles of wrestling, boxing, tumbling, and basketball were taught.



Freshman girls limber up before a gruelling game of soccer.



MRS. JOYCE WILSON



MR. LES FEUQUAY



Girls' P.E. Leaders—Bottom Row: Cheryl Dagg, Sue Ann Hayes, Susie Harlow, Sally Mac-Namara, Jeanie Miller, Kathy Schalter, Lou Deen Irvin, Sally Epperson, Diane Nelms. Top Row: Patty Prince, Debbie Burns, Carol Thorton, Connie Eveland, Sue Baker, Sharon Seibert, Jo Schelosky, Widney Hertenstein, Angie Pipes, Rita Felty, Andrea LaLumondier.



Several boys compete in a game of football during P.E.



MR. BILL WILSON Science I, Zoology



MRS. ANN SCHMIDT Department Head, Biology



MR. ROBERT SCHULTZ Science I, Physics



MR. DONALD WAYMAN Chemistry, Vocational Chemistry



MR. ROBERT COLP Consumer Science



MRS. DOLORES CHILDERS Human Physiology, Science I



MR. FRANK KONE Astronomy, Science I



Freshmen discuss fundamentals of necessities used around the house during a Consumer Science class.

#### Science Ranges from Stars to Skeletons

The big word in the Science Department this year was NEW. As a result of the new curriculum, the scientifically-minded students could choose his science study from a wide variety of new courses. In addition to the "old familiars"—biology, chemistry, and physics—courses in astronomy, geology, human physiology, zoology, and consumer science—were offered. Also new this year was vocational chemistry, designed to meet the needs of the student not planning a career in the field of science. Science I, required either the freshman, sophomore, or junior year, is now a prerequisite for all sciences, thus prohibiting freshmen from taking biology.

Science Assistants—Row 1: Penny Gaunt, George Neal; Row 2: Marsha McVey, Cir Pullis, Mary Estes, Angee Moses, Susie McGhee; Row 3: Gilroy Bernard, Steve Kor Gary James, Lyndell Williams; Row 4: Phil Browning, Dan Ripplinger; Row Nelson McAtee.





Kathy Collins washes a glass slide after an experiment in Zoology.



Ed Ronat and Kenny Kyle show that teamwork leads to a successful experiment in Chemistry.



During a typical chemistry lab, Joyce Jones receives needed chemicals and supplies from Mr. Wayman,



This year's election was an important event studied by these history students.

### History Stresses Past and Present Events

Even though some students think the electoral college is an institution of learning, the teachers in the History Department at MtVHS still have hope for their students. For the first time at Mt. Vernon high, freshmen start with Civics, a one-semester study of government required for graduation, which replaced the old social studies classes. Sophomores could take World History, the study of the history of man throughout all ages. American History is a requirement for juniors or seniors and is a study of our country's democratic government. Most familiar to students are the moans and groans heard on the day of the United States Constitution test. With the world changing as fast as it is, and with the United States current cold war with Russia, perhaps the most fascinating courses this year were Modern History since 1918 and Russian History, both new courses in the curriculum. Courses also offered included economics and consumer economics, government, psychology, sociology, and world geography.



History assistants—Row 1: Donnie Ulrich, Jo Ann Regenhardt, Sherry Dodson, Patti Hanagan, Patty Torregrossa; Row 2: Fred Vallowe, Nancy Yon, Sandra Newell, Maryanne Payne; Row 3: Sharon Seibert, Janet Waggoner, Sharon Guthrie.



These history students work steadily to complete their test before the ringing of the bell.



MISS ANNA LAMBERT Sociology, Psychology



MISS ROBERTA HOPPER
Department Head, American History



MR. LARRY BURKETT Government, American History



MR. JERE SHAW Civics, American History



MR. RICHARD STUBBLEFIELD Civics



MR. KENNETH COPPLE World Geography



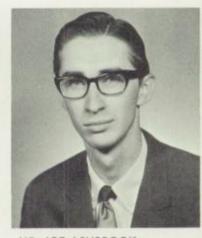
MISS PAT HALL American History



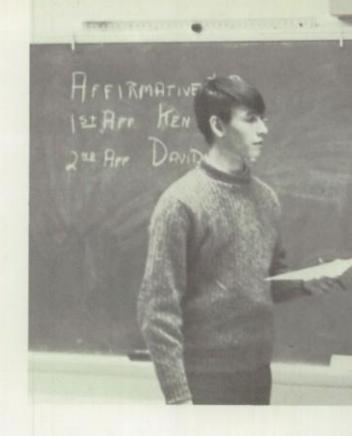
MR. THOMAS WOODWARD Modern History, American History



MR. LARRY PEARSON World History, Consumer Economics



MR. JOE ASHBROOK World History, Russian History



### Contest Encourages Speakers and Debaters

"Now be sure to buy "Handy Dandy Window wipes" at your nearest supermarket for the cleanest windows in town." Is this one of those dull commercials? No, it's an aspiring speech student trying to convince his classmates and to raise his speech grade with his persuasive speech. The Speech Department offers students the chance to meet and to work with the public. With five courses, the Department offers a wide variety of subjects for students to choose from.

Those students who are interested in speech should begin with this year's new course, oral communication, which deals with the different types of oral communications. Speech I students study conversation, public speaking, and dramatics. They present many informal speeches before community audiences. Speech II is a one-semester course in advanced public speaking and oral interpretation. It also aids the student in preparing the student for interscholastic competition and individual events activities. Those students who have had Speech may take Debate, a one-semester course. Drama I is concerned with the basic aspects of the theater.

Extra-curricular activities this year included the Variety Show, "Stage I," the All-School Play, "The Crucible," and many competitions in team and individual events.



Valerie Brown, speech assistant, is kept busy with the various jobs she performs in the speech department.



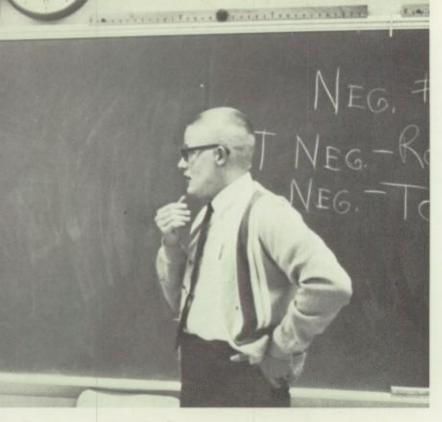
MR. JIM MILLER Drama Coach



MR. MICHAEL HINDMAN Debate Coach



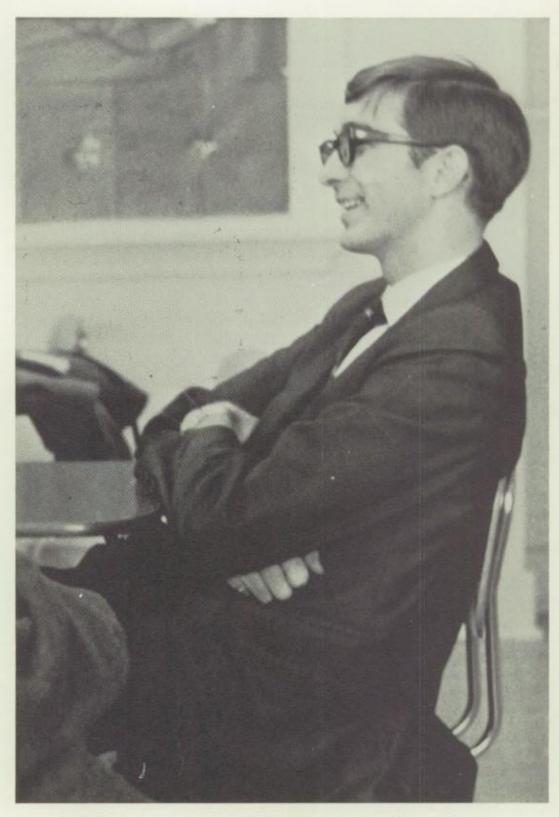
MR. WILLIAM MONTFORT Individual Events



ony Eckert, second negative speaker, challenges a point made by Carbondale debater, second affirmative speaker.

ores Betsy Baggott and Jane Morton, and junior Debbie portray Santa's reindeer in a Speech I Christmas play.

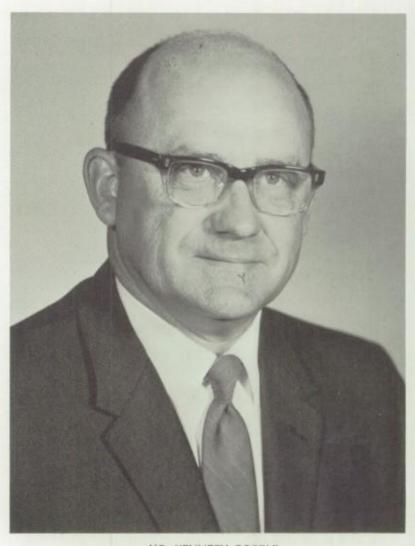




Mr. Miller becomes quite amused when listening to one of his speech students.

Mr. Kenneth Copple is in charge of all audio-visual aids. These aids, which include educational films, film projectors, tape recorders, and record players, are available to teachers upon request as an aid to students in the classroom. The efficient and well-trained projectionists showed films during their free periods.

## Audio-Visual Provides Educational Aids



MR. KENNETH COPPLE Director Audio-Visual



Projectionists—Row 1: Randy Edwards, Mike Beal; Row 2: Garth Doerr, Steve Martin; Row 3: Eddie Adams, Owen Oliger, John Lewis Ricky Rice, Leroy Wilderman, Alan Hawkins, Eddie Magary, Mike Magary, Randy Timmons, Harvy Wyrick, Billy Joe Bartolomucci, and Lloyd Adams.



MR. GEORGE WAGGONER Director Special Education



MRS. CAROL MYERS Special Education



MRS. HELEN DANCEY Special Education

## Mr. Wagner Heads Federal Education Program



MRS. HURAM UPCRAFT Secretary Federal Education Program

Again this year, Mt. Vernon took advantage of the federal aid programs to help all of our students. Title I provided for teacher workshops and supplementary teaching materials. According to Mr. Charles Wagner, coordinator of MtVTH's program, most of Title I's money this year was spent for instructional aids for the Language Skills and Specials Education Departments. Under Title I, it was possible to get even more educational tools for the Instructional Materials and Language Center.

Mrs. Helen Dancey, Special Education teacher, joined Mr. George Waggoner, Director of Special Education, and Mrs. Carol Myers this year to help students in that department to receive educational and vocational help. This training was carried on all year and not just for the second semester, as was done last year. As a special project the Special Education classes planned and cooked a Thanksgiving meal.



MR. CHARLES WAGNER
Director Federal Education Program



Special Education Assistants—Ruth Sonsini, Dianne Hill, Thurmond Drennan, Nancy Hayman, Marsha Richards, Phyllis Rohlfing, and Nancy Shields.



Assistants—Row 1: Randy Farrar, Jeff Justice; Row 2: Linda Cates, Vicki McQuire, Doris Gaines, Sharon Jones, Lorena Rose, Cathy Hicks, Arden Ellis; Row 3: Rosemary Banes, Ellen Dykes, Carolyn Arnold, Martha Tucker, Stan Drennan, Connie Puckett, Bill Albright, Pat Kimble.



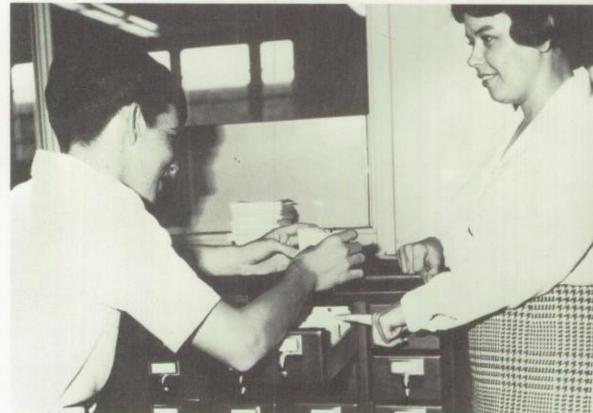
MISS LUCY BAKER Head Librarian



MISS ALICE WILSON

## New Books Bring New Look to Library

The library is most definitely the center of reading materials at MtVTHS. All students had access to some 900 books, 45 different magazines, 4 newspapers, and numerous pamphlets, for they were allowed to conference out of their assigned study halls to the library. To accommodate the students who had full schedules and no hours in the study halls, the library was opened at 8:00 A.M. and closed at 4:00 P.M.



Librarian Miss Baker looks on as assistant Bob Feltmeier busily files library cards.

Assistants—Row 1: Judi Pastori, Sharon Graham, Alan Davis; Row 2: Kathy Fairchild, Debbie Hayse, Debbie Newcome, Cathy Ratajczk, Pam Bullock, Angela Saba, Sally Macnamara; Row 3: Diane Prince, Debbie Dare, Maria Mescher, Diane Steward, Karen Martin, Mindy Bumpus; Row 4: Elizabeth Black, Judy Black, Tom Perry, Amy Regenhardt, Vicki Capps, Mike O'dea, Robert Raney.





MRS. LETA THOMPSON



MR. SAM HICKS



1st Row: Randy Arnett, Bob Schill, Milo Chappell, Larry Ellis, Mark McGuire; Row 2: Alan Davis, Steve Martin, Brian Bruce.



Mt. Vernon High students are caught in an atmosphere that encourages concentrated study.



1st Row: Carolyn Burk, Kathleen Gilbert, Pat Torregrossa, Wanda Schneider; 2nd Row: Diane Edmison, Brenda Capps, Cindy McCoy, Debbie Frazier, Rhonda Dulany, Tonya Moss; 3rd Row: Beth Sanders, Brenda Sandy.

## "Study Time" — Theme of Study Hall

The two study halls, B-1 and B-2, were set up to give those students who didn't have full schedules a place to study. Equipped with dictionaries, encyclopedias, and newspapers, the study halls provided an atmosphere for learning and concentration.



Cafeteria Cooks-Letha Beckman, Nina Byrd, Irma Pittman, Sarah Lee, Mary Smith, Lena Clark, and Cloia Clemins.



Cashiers—Larry Reynolds, Mike McManamy, Chris King, and John Reynolds.

## Cafeteria Assistants Serve New Menu

Many changes took place in the cafeteria this past year. The students were only served a type "A" plate lunch and the number of lunch hour shifts was changed from three to two.

A cook's "right hand man" might very well have been one of the cafeteria assistants. These paid students helped serve food, clean trays, wash dishes, and make change.

Also aiding the cooks were Mr. B. J. Wilson and Miss Ann Lambert, who occasionally reminded students of proper conduct in the cafeteria.



Bookroom Assistants-Tom Archer, and Ruth Sonsini

Cafeteria Assistants—Diane Jenkins, Eddie Adams, Betty Loss, Eddie Mahan, Gail Cox, David Gentles, Cindy Raney, Billy Bob Jenkins, Linda Severs, Catheline Gilbert, Allen Loss, and Ella May Prinnell.





Bus Drivers-Row 1: Gerald Chesley, Buddy Allen, Cecil Lovin, Frank Purcell; Row 2: Edward Mercer, Hank Woodward, Kenneth Mays.

## Janitors and Bus Drivers Indispensable to School

The Maintenance Department was as much a part of MtVTHS the faculty and students, if not more. These skilled men, under direction of Mr. Bob Webb, have conducted a major "face of on the school's property. They repainted the football concesson stand and the boys' gym a brilliant orange and black, and instructed large Ram emblems, also orange and black, which bey hung in several prominent positions around the campus.

During the summer they painted all the buildings in pastel codinates. These men are the ones who construct Homecoming and om decorations. They must arrive at school early enough to unlock the doors and stay late enough to lock them again. Certainly, activities such as dances, parties, special meetings, and practice sessions would simply "not be" if it weren't for these "great group of guys."

The men who transport the students of MtVTHS to and from school are considered the chauffers of the school. These men were always on time and saw that the students were transported safely. These skilled drivers were the ones who also drove students to and from athletic events whether in fair weather or ice and snow.



nitors—Row 1: Forest Byard, Harel Ryder, Jonah Hunt, Alford Clemins, Clarence an, Charles Kite.

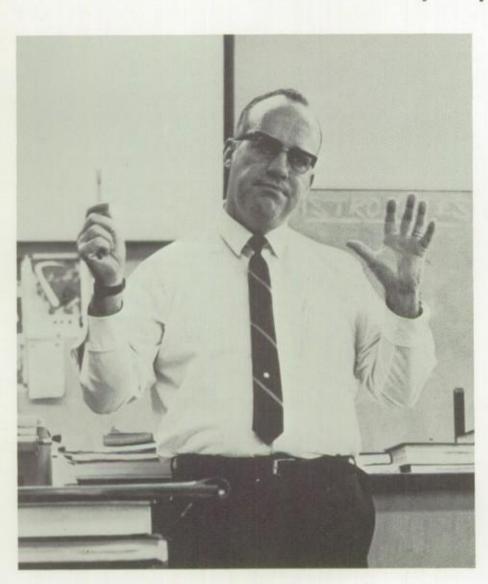


Janitors—Row 1: Richard Birkner, Glenn Southard, Clarence Hodges, Bob Webb; Row 2: Roy Wingfield, Lester Keller, Burt York, and Clint Balsover.



For John Kendricks it is a sorry and miserable day when he doubts the sacred words of Mr. Woodward.

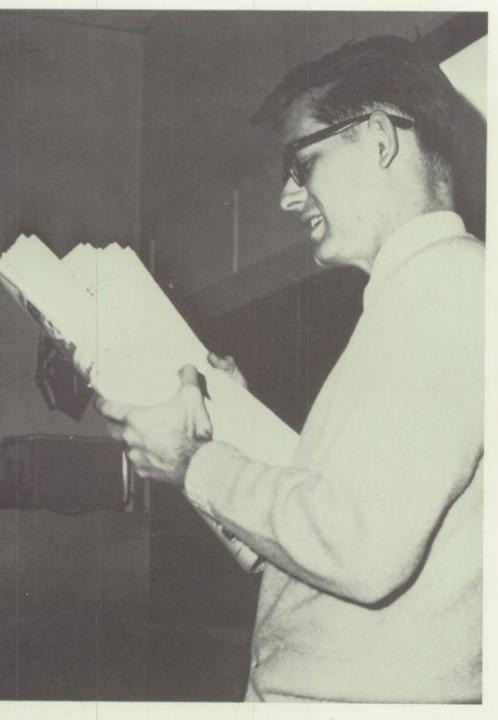
## The Faculty Appears "In Action"



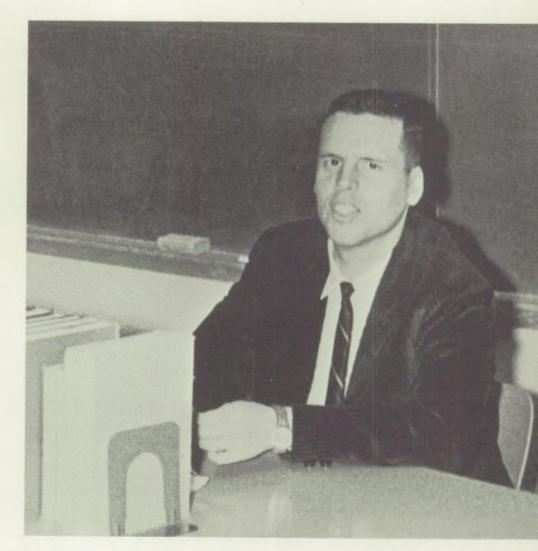
After an hour of explanation Mr. Kone surrenders to his students.

Mr. Donald Wayman, chemistry teacher, sits at his desk grading lab papers in deep concentration.

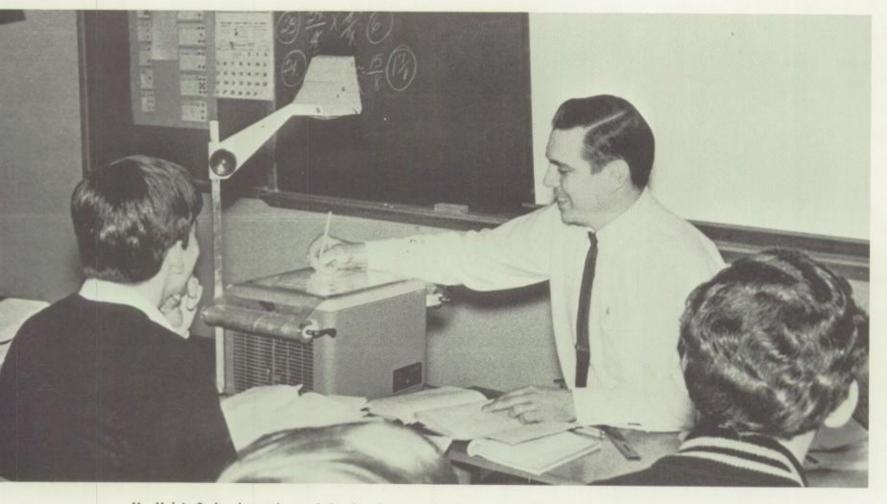




ke other sixth-hour teachers, Mr. Hindman passes out the bi-weekly Vernois News.



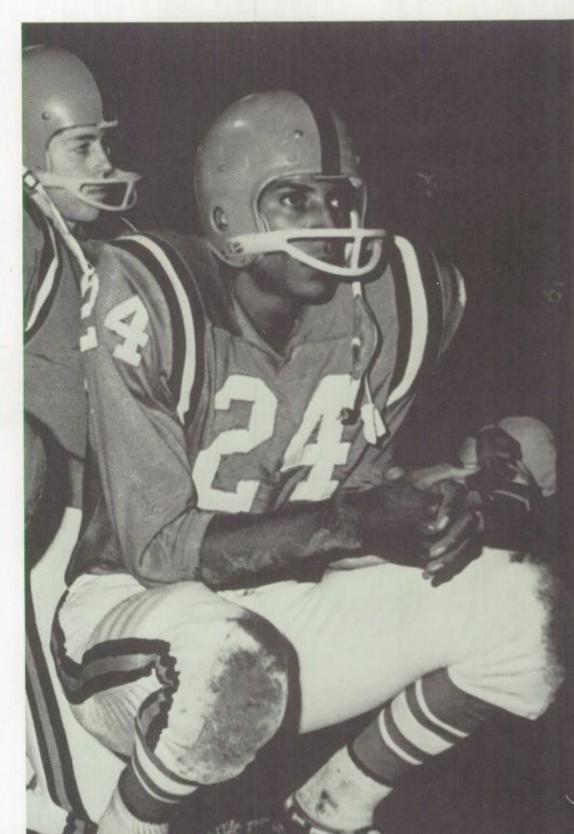
Mr. Childers, math teacher, pauses for a few moments during a class study period.



Mr. Melvin Stoltz shows the work for that day's math assignment on the overhead projector.



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# Stage 1 Entertains Many, With Much Variety



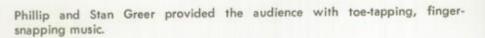
A Senior group of four year veterans finished their High School Variety Shows with a dance to the songs "Step to the Rear" and "I Dig Rock and Roll Music".



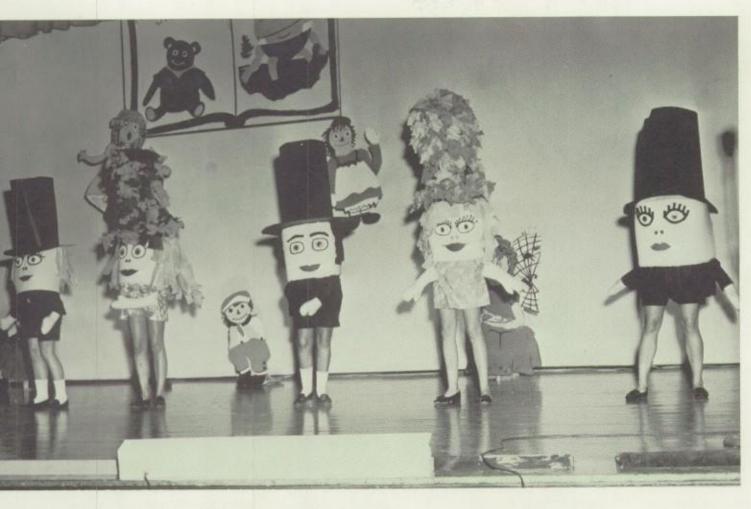
Snydly Whiplash played by Camilla Harlow, tried to capture Sweet Nell played by Janice Ham while Carol Beerup and Jo Ann Regenhardt looked on, in the Sophomore Melodrama.



Kathleen Kenney sang the "Look of Love" accompanied by Brett Gibbs.







A group of Senior girls put the audience in "Story Book Fantasy" to the setting of storybooks and dolls.



MC's Nobel Dowell, Terri Michel, Randy Farrar and Georgeanne Rue, provided the audience with a "variety of shows" between the skits.

MtVTHS' annual variety show, held on September 26 and 28, was an entertaining success from the very first act to the last.

Dance routines, vocal and piano solos, and many other lively acts compiled the fifteen features in "Stage I".

The colorful stage sets in "Stage I" were made and set up by the stage crew. The production was under the direction of Mr. Jim Miller.

Adding moments of excitement to one of the dress rehearsals, the fire alarm rang out through the auditorium. Everyone dashed outside and waited for the fire trucks which never arrived.



After the traditional parade and bonfire, everyone took shelter in the girls' gym from the cold, to dance to the music of the Shades of Sound.

The spirit and excitement of Homecoming 1968 was just beginning on Thursday morning with the trial and conviction of the Benton Ranger. That night, the Marching Rams led Homecoming attendants, football players, cheerleaders, and the members of various clubs in a parade that kept building excitement as it neared the school. This enthusiasm was highlighted when the Benton Ranger was burned in the traditional bonfire. Following the bonfire there was a sock-hop in the girls' gym with music by the "Shades of Sound." On Friday night, the Rams, who were really fired up, blasted the Rangers by the score of 45-0.

Saturday night's dance climaxed the week's festivities. Dancing to the lively beat of the Artistics, many couples filled the boys' gym, which was decorated in green and yellow crepe paper to the theme of "Happiness Is . . ." At 10:45 silence filled the gym as each of the eight lovely queen candidates entered and took her place on the stage. The excitement and tension of Homecoming finally came to a climax when co-captains Frank Sanders and Gregg Goodman crowned Debbie Burns as the 1968 Homecoming Queen.



By the outcome of Friday night's game, the verdict of guilty sentenced to the Benton Ranger, was found to be accurate.



Ram spirit ascended as the fans were led in cheers by the cheerleaders.



ne Ram fans were stirred with excitement as they ratched the Rams overtake the Rangers.

# Happiness Is . . . Homecoming 68



Happiness was ... Homecoming weekend with all its festivities.



Dancing to the music of the Artistics concluded the thrilling Homecoming weekend.



Brenda Mays



Lou Deen Irvin



Brian Webb Kathleen Williams



Kathleen Kenney



Sue Baker

### The Coronation Brought Homecoming to an End



Lynette Myles



Paula Puckett



Queen Debbie



Alan Hale QB Gary Edmison HB Barry Sargent HB Mike Ancona

Ralph Korris QB Rick Wells HB

Eddie Lively HB Gary James FB

Ken DePrimo HB Mark Hassakis HB







Steve Willis FB Jerry Seibert S Wayne Cherry C

Dwight Timmons C Blake Griffin HB Roger Mann C

Jim Carkin LB, E Bengt Olsen HB Jim Clark C



Dave Kniffen G Kim Hall T







Dave Hofer G Ronnie Young T



Milo Chappell LB



Marc Smith G



Don Linville, John Curtis, Eddie Masters **MANAGERS** 

#### Varsity Rams Finish Season 5-4-1

Gregg Goodman T

John Kelly E

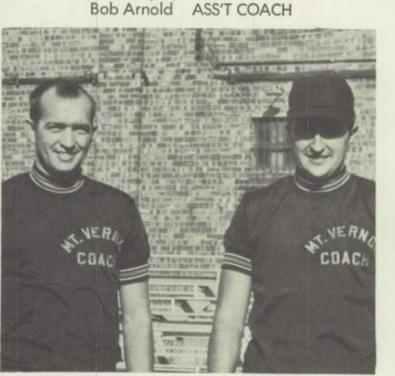
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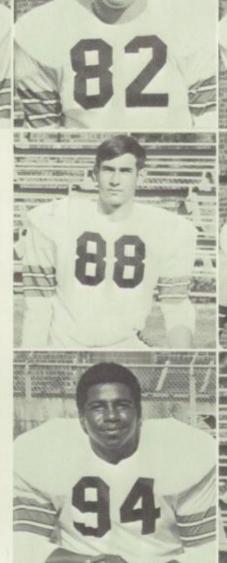
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Les Feuquay COACH



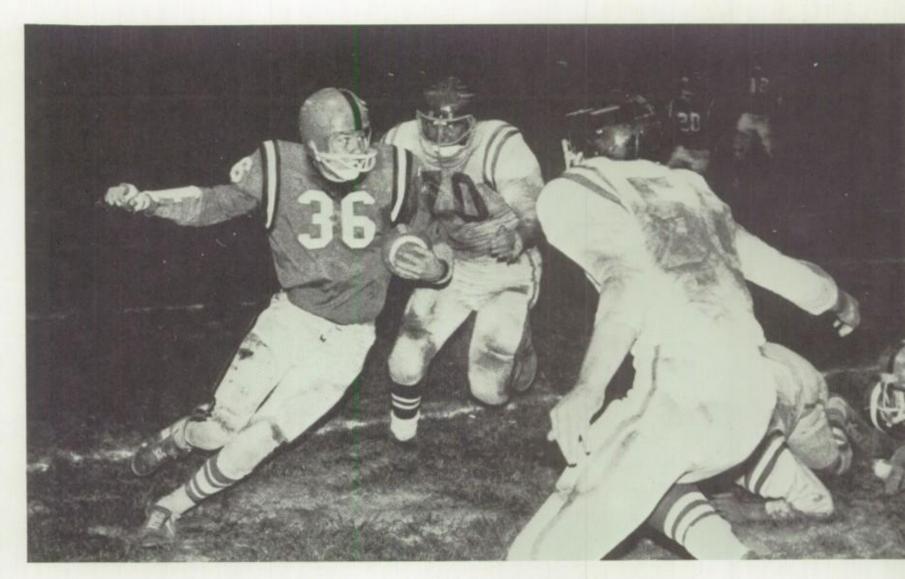












Fullback Steve Willis swept wide off tackle for big gains against the Harrisburg Bulldogs.

#### 173 Points — Total Offense

The football Rams finished their winning season with a 5-4-1 record. The especially strong defense held three opponents completely scoreless and allowed the other teams a total of only 106 points. The offense, battering their opponents, scored a total of 173 points for the 10-game season.

Originally backed up with fifteen returning senior lettermen, this year's gridiron was severely handicapped by a plague of injuries. In one game alone, nine regulars had to be replaced. Because of injuries, six first string players—Jerry Seibert, David Smith, Wayne Cherry, Frank Sanders, Mick McDonald, and Alan Hale—could not finish the season.

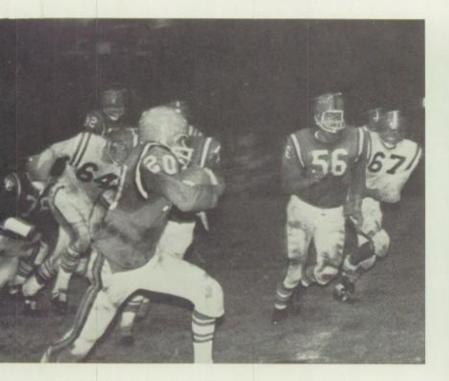
The members of two honorary teams, the All-Conference and the All-Southern Illinois, are chosen by the coaches of the teams involved. The 145 pound Ram guard, David Kniffen, was named to the third team of the All-Southern Illinois Team, and Eddie Lively was named honorary captain of the All-Conference Team.



Jerry Seibert got good blocking as he returned an intercepted pass.



Fullback Gary James plowed ahead for extra yardage.



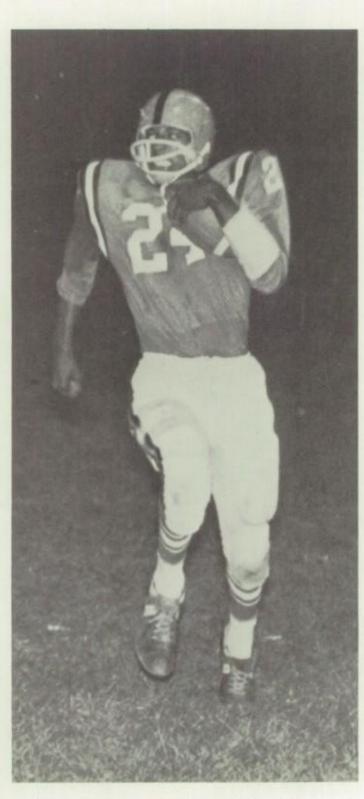
Eddie Lively scampered for long yardage against Marion.



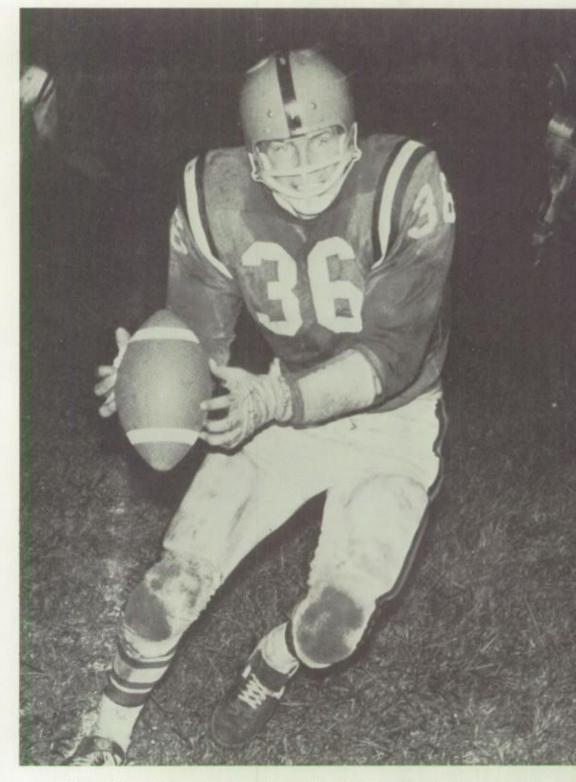
efensive Halfback Mark Hassakis grounded a Benton Ranger with a ying tackle after a short gain.



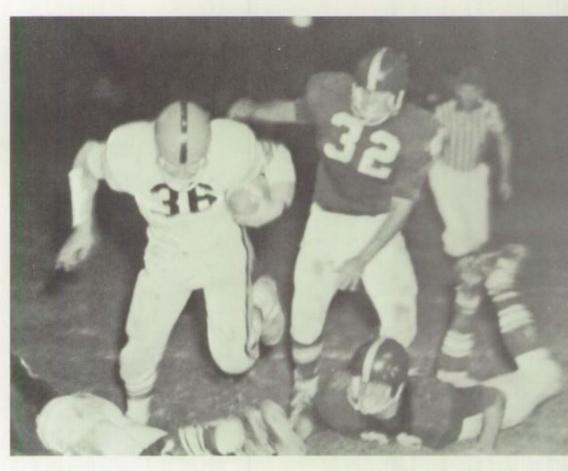
Mike Ancona broke left after receiving a precision block.



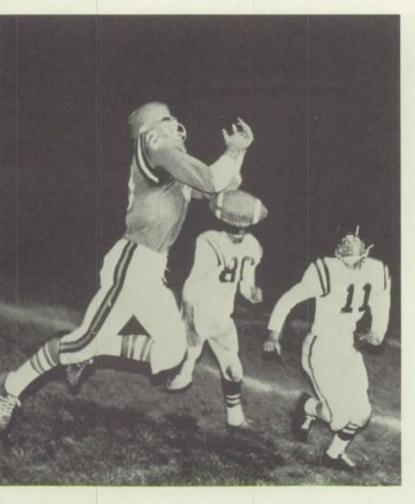
Ronnie Henderson raced down field for a first down.



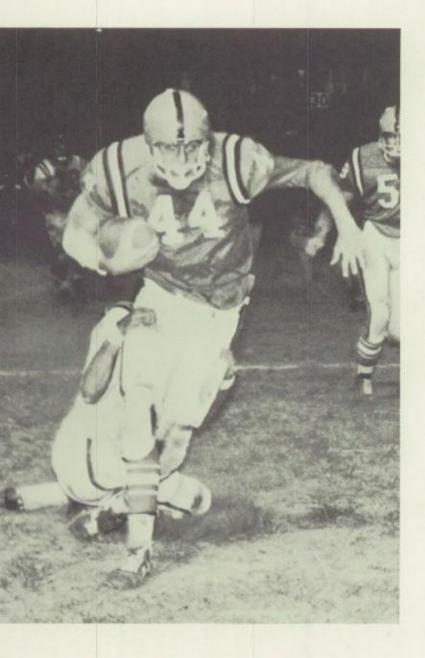
Fullback Steve Willis made a finger-tip catch while he tried to stay in bounds.



Steve Willis maneuvered through the defense for another short gain against the West Frankforends.



ddie Lively made a diving attempt for a long pass against two sulldogs.





Number 63 of the Harrisburg Bulldogs tried to recover his own fumble against the mighty Rams.

	We	They
Belleville West	0	33
Herrin	21	0
West Frankfort	26	6
Harrisburg	6	13
Fairfield	41	6
Marion	7	7
Benton	45	0
Centralia	0	20
Salem	27	0
Carbondale	0	21

End Jerry Seibert was dragged down from behind after a considerable gain.



Members of the Sophomore Football Team are: (Row 1) Brian Dodson, John Manion, Del Bob Braddock, Robert Morrison, Jon Davey, Steve Troutt, Floyd Brookman Donnie Williams, Bobby Shelton, and Matt Gangwer; (Row 2) David Starman, Chris Modert, Larry Mefford, Jeff Bagley, Terry Edson, Mike Nordin, Dennis Richardson, Don Ferrier, and Pat Thrasher; (Row 3) David Alexander, Keith Felty, Don Wilkey, Tom Patterson, Rick McMahan, Kelvin Plemans, Bruce Dodson, and Richard Estes; (Row 4 Coach Lee, Terry Durham, Larry James, Ronnie Henderson, Larry Mays, David Dude, Monty Dodson, Tom Neal, Kurt Strothman, and Coach Ellis.

#### Underclassmen Show Great Potential

Compiling an unblemished season record and racking up a total of 290 points for the season, the powerful Sophomores, led by Coach Ellis and Coach Lee, captured the South Seven Conference championship.

In their eight-game season, these fighting Rams scored an average of 36 points per game and allowed their opponents only 10.

Ron Henderson, halfback; Larry Mays, full-back; David Dude, quarterback; and Jon Davey, tackle had a major hand in making those 290 points.

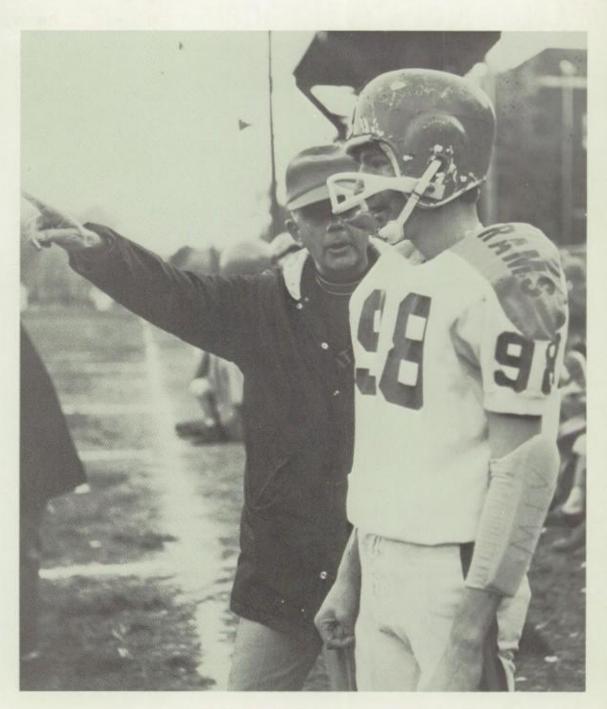
Although the Freshmen Rams had a disappointing, scoreless season, they showed spirit and determination throughout the five-game campaign. Coached by Mr. Gill and Mr. Wiman, these boys learned the mechanics—the how and why—of the game. They were short two of their best players—David Alexander and Larry James—because these boys were promoted to the Sophomore team.



Halfback Ronnie Henderson picks up good yardage around left end.



David Dude looks for open receivers downfield.



Coach Gill sends in plans from the bench.



The members of the Freshman Football Team are; (Row 1) Bryan Ferguson, David Wood, Leon Hale, Randy Beard, Randy Kniffen, Eddie Self, Dennis Sharp, Bill Nelson, Steve LeMay, and Coach Wiman; (Row 2) Everett Gray, John Little, Rick Barker, Dan Newcomb, Mike Osterman, Richard Richie, Pete Smith, Mike Hayse, and Coach Gill; (Row 3) Tom Archer, Randy LeMay, Mark Bond, Mike Kelly, Greg Bagley, Orville Flowers, John Puckett, Alex Dawson, and Jim McDonald; (Row 4) Steve Schneider, Mark White, Don Gibson, John Sigwerth, Brent Davey, Eric Davis, Bill Kelton, John Trotter, Ross Brown; (Row five) Stan York, Gene Leffler, Kevin Hunt, Sam Whisenhunt, Mark Kelley, Danny Cross, Darrell Sigwerth, John Wood.

# Cross Country Runners Face Stiff Competition

Although cross country is only in its third season here, it is progressing steadily. Daily practices for the team consisted of a mile run warm up and then a variety of dashes varying from 220 to 1760 yards. The number and type of dashes depended on what Coach Carter felt his team needed the most. The record compiled by the Rams during the season earned them sixth place in the conference. In district competition, Bruce Hunt rated 18 out of over 200 runners. Bruce was also exceptional in conference play, as he ranked fourth.



Bruce Hunt puts on final burst of speed to place in the cross country district meet.



Mt. Vernon cross country star Bruce Hunt holds back for the end of the treacherous two miles.



Members of the Cross Country are: (Row One) Nick Mestle, John Mark Smith, Tom Kauffman, Stathos Pavledes; (Row Two) Alan Bourque, Rick Frassato, Dave Naylor, Bob Feltmier, Dennis Black; (Row Three) Danny Kiep, Kenny Cross, Bruce Hunt, Chap Waters, Coach Carter.



Runners fought for position in final stretch.



Members of the SIU men's chorus convince the student body that there is surely "Nothing Like a Dame."

# Fall Assemblies Nip the Air With Entertainment

National Honor Society	September	13
SIU Choir	September	24
Student Council	September	25
Veterans Day	November	8
Operetta preview		
Pubinoff		



Rubinoff's violin catches the attention of Mr. Shields and Rubinoff himself.



Enthusiasm soon grew for South Pacific after the highlights were presented by the cast and orchestra.



Mr. Woodrome and Mr. Kaufman presented American Legion awards to Tom Ellis, Mary Estes, Camilla Harlow, and Tim Epperson.

Senior members of the Color Guard, Bill Wood, Eric Anderson, Ivan McCrary and Steve Skasick, present a ceremony for The Unknown Soldier.





Nellie Forbush, Janet Raney, entertains the islanders by singing the musical "Honeybun."



Nellie and the children waited impatiently for the return of Emile de Becque.



Bloody Mary laughed heartily at the boys claiming her love.

#### "South Pacific" Attracted A Full House Both Nights



These sailors expressed their homesickness by singing "Nothing Like a Dame."

Bali Ha'i ... Bali Ha'i ... On the nights of November 15 and 16 these and other haunting refrains were heard as the auditorium was transformed into a South Seas Island for the presentation of this year's operetta, "South Pacific."

Under the direction of Mr. W. Beckmeyer and Mr. Jim Miller, the twenty-sixth annual operetta proved to be a huge success, playing to a full house both nights. The orchestra, directed by Mr. Tal Smith, demonstrated its superb talent by playing such songs as "Younger Than Springtime," "I'm In Love with a Wonderful Guy," and the memorable "Some Enchanted Evening." Seven dancers, assisted by Mrs. Dorothy Carter and Mrs. Joyce Wilson, performed original dances to many numbers. Both the Boy's and the Girl's Choruses displayed the enthusiasm of the whole cast in the songs "Bloody Mary," "There's Nothin Like a Dame," and "I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Out of My Hair." Noble Dowell (Luther Billis) added a comic note as Janet Raney's doll, Honey

The Rodgers and Hammerstein musical, adapted from James A. Michener's Pulitzer Prize winning "Tales of the South Pacific," weaves together the love story of the French planter Emile de Becque (Brett Gibbs, Chris Shepard) and Nellie Forbush (Janet Raney) with Lt. Joseph Cable (Rick Nance) and the island girl Liat (Nelda Spears), Bloody Mary's (Angie Pipes) beautiful daughter. The operetta climaxes when Lt. Cable is killed, but Emile is saved and returns to find Nellie, who had renounced him, waiting for him.



Janet Raney is shown "Washing That Man Right Out of Her Hair."

The morning of March 8 found the Hi-Tri council and many Hi-Tri members busily decorating ... changing the boys' gym from a gymnasium with a basketball court, basketball goals, and bleachers to an enchanting dance floor with a Sweetheart Tree, a Tunnel of Hearts, and many other exciting decorations that carried out and related the theme, "All You Need Is Love."

From 8 to 11 p.m. "The Invaders" from Salem entertained over 200 couples. Two of these couples were especially lucky as they received door prizes. Tish Scherer and Eric Puttney received a dozen pink roses and Sharon Seibert and Rick Wells won a big stuffed mouse.



Beautifully designed letters were suspended from the center of the ceiling as part of the elaborate decorations.

#### "All You Need Is Love"

Near the conclusion of the dance, the balloons descended and everyone made a hasty grab to claim one for themself.





Everyone seemed to enjoy the wonderful music of the Invaders from Salem.



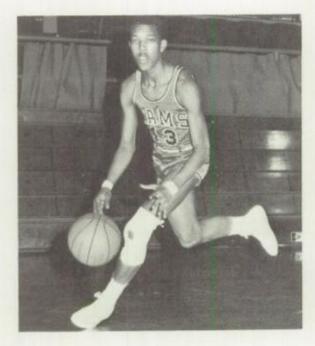
Couples gathered around the Sweetheart Tree to find their heart.



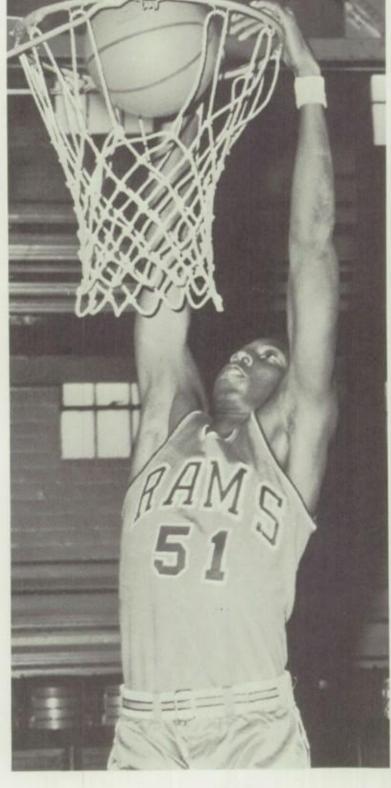
After the last dance, hours of preparation and hard work came down in only a matter of minutes.



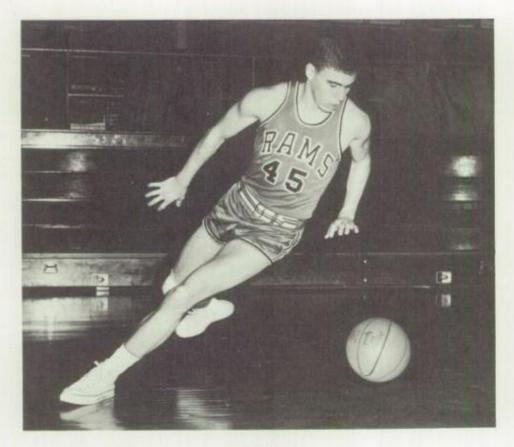
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Eddie James



Nate Hawthorne



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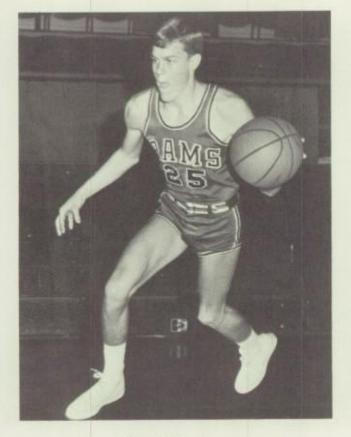
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Terry Sledge



Darrell Gray



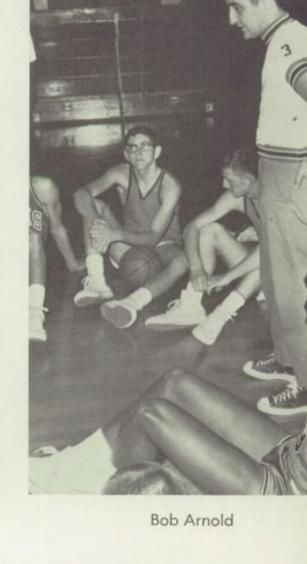
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Frank Sanders





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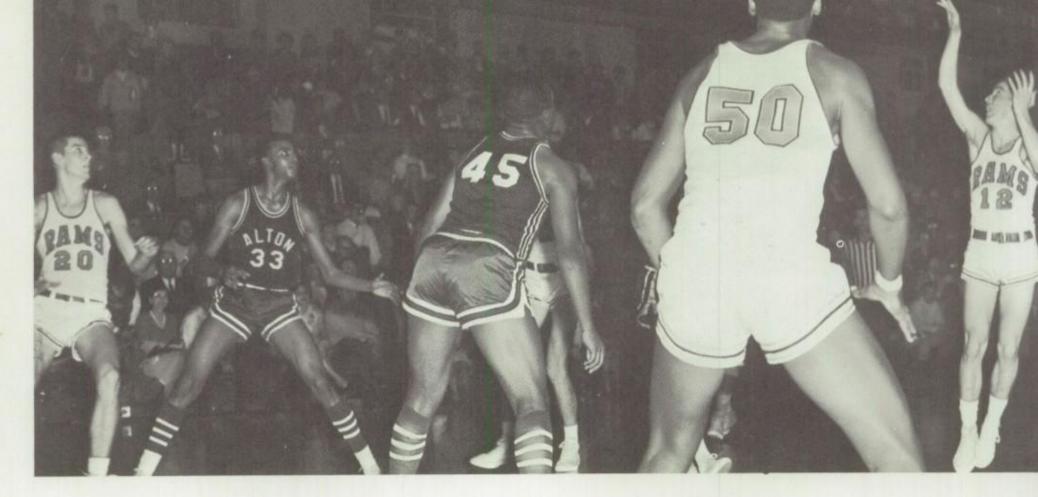
Gary James



John Kelly



Kim Hall



#### Rams Compete For State Title

	We	They
Alton	64	59
Centralia	76	63
Fairfield	59	64
Carbondale	65	68
West Frankfort	76	69
Carbondale Tournament		
Cahokia	63	54
Alton	50	64
Herrin	60	59
Harrisburg	90	64
Centralia	76	60
Benton	87	75
Quincy	60	52
Carbondale	55	60
Carmi	69	59
West Frankfort	68	65
Marion	72	70
Herrin	89	63
Salem	76	47
Harrisburg	82	59
Benton	97	73
Marion	74	55
Regional		
Grayville	81	45
Mt. Carmel	106	52
Fairfield	65	54
Sectional		
Benton	69	62
Eldorado	96	80
Super Sectional		
Carbondale	71	63

Mt. Vernon's 1968-69 cagers managed to secure only part of South Seven title, as the Rams tied the Carbondale Terriers for the Conference crown. The varsity Mt. Vernonites, compiling a 23-4 overall record, proved to be tough competitors primarily because of their superior height. Although the Rams did show some signs of inconsistency in the regular season, the Rams strengthened by tournament time and ended the season as a team known throughout the state.

The Rams, an early season disappointment, gained statewide ranking with a 60-52 upset in late January of the then number-one-ranked Quincy Blue Devils.

It came a week after Bob Arnold's Rams had to overcome a 13-0 deficit to bushwhack Centralia for the second time, 76-60.

During this Centralia game, Frank Sanders came off the bench after a football injury to give the Rams the floor-leadership and ball-handling wizardry they needed to win the game. This game marked the beginning of Sanders' job as a starter.

Nate Hawthorne, the 6'4" senior, provided throughout the season, the offensive scoring and rebounding strength which the Rams found vital.

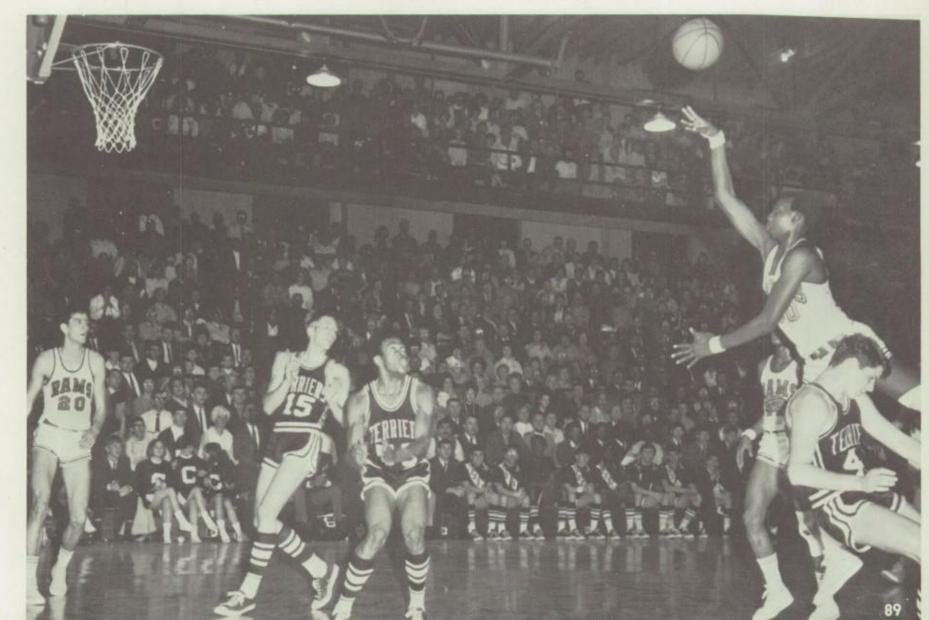
Eddie James, the soul junior starter, continuously showed his hot hand, baffling many opponents with his deadly shot and jumping ability.

Steve Strickland and Terry Sledge, Mt. Vernon's twin towers, balanced the Rams' scoring attack, and overwhelmed opponents with their height and superb rebounding.



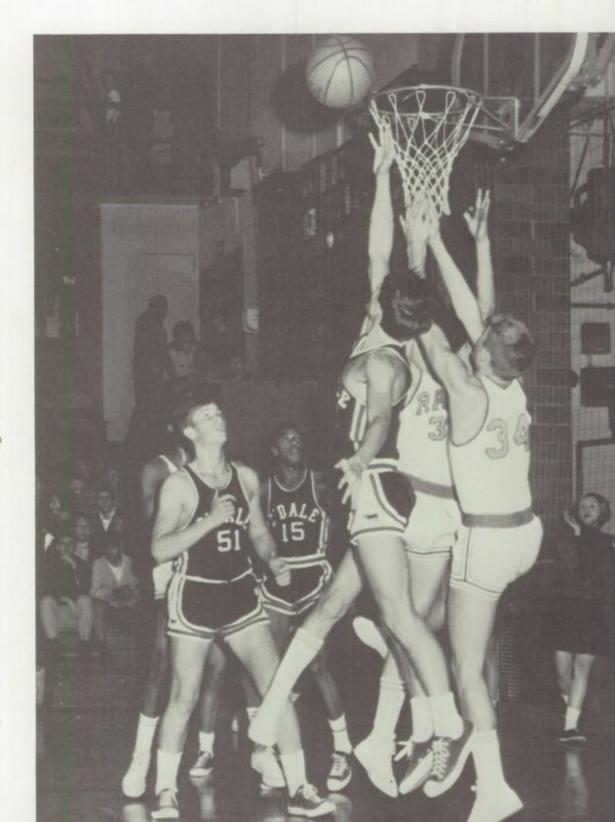
Frank Sanders pulls down a rebound as the Rams upset Number 1 ranked Quincy.

Nate Hawthorne attempts a shot over Jim Martin in the Terrier-Ram game.





Row 1: Donnie Williams, James Stonecipher, Larry Mays, Monty Dodson, Randy Webb, John Stonecipher; Row 2: Coach Sonny Ellis, Terry Edson, David Dude, Da Montfort, Larry James, Mike Nordin, Steve Troutt.



Two Rams go up for a crucial rebound in the Carbondale game.

### Soph's Tie for Second in Conference

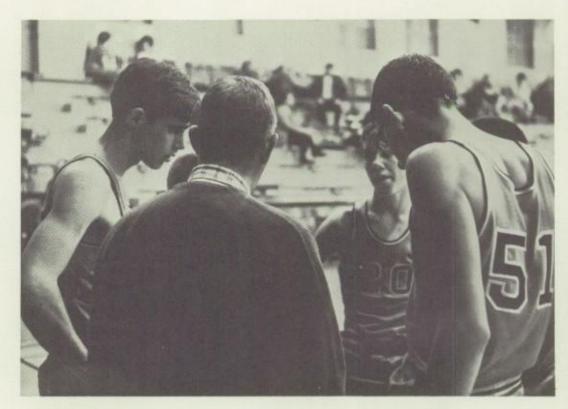
Although overshadowed by fine varsity and sophomore quads, the two basketball teams made fine showings.

The "A" team, consisting of Mike Hayes, Danny Cross, ichard Ritchey, Ricky Adams, and Mike Osterman, had better season than their 8-7 record would indicate. They aptured 4th place in the South Seven tournament at enton.

The "B" team, which finished with an 8-3 mark, was ed by Leon Hale, David Alexander, Everett Gray, Randy eMay, and Dennis Freeze.

The Mt. Vernon Sophomore Rams rallied to a second lace tie in South Seven Conference play with a "starting ve" consisting of center Ronnie Henderson, forwards Lary James and James Stonecipher, and playmakers Terry dson and David Dude. Despite the loss of Ronnie Henderson to the varsity for the main part of the season, each Sonny Ellis and Company compiled an impressive 0-4 regular season slate.

Finding their toughest competition from Centralia, the B" squad fell to the Orphan quintet twice in early seannal play. However, the Ramlets, gained an impressive ring of nine victories to close out the 1969 season.



Coach Gill goes over the game plan with his starting five.



ont Row: Coach Scott Gill, John Trotter, David Alexander, Larry Peacock, David Cross, Mike Hayse, Kim Oglesby, Richard Ritchey, Mark Bond, Bryan Ferguson; ck Row: Dennis Freeze, John Sigwerth, Kieth Adams, Mike Osterman, Leon Hail, Bill Nelson, Everett Gray, Gregory Bee, Randy Beard, Randy LeMay, Steve LeMay.



Junior Jalayne Morrison



Senior Lynette Myles



Senior Sue Baker

# Varsity Raises Money for New Uniforms



Senior Paula Puckett



Senior Lou Deen Irvin



Junior Janet Raney



Have you noticed that the B-Squad cheerleaders, while avidly supporting both freshman and sophomore teams, also tend to support themselves?

### B-Squad Keeps Underclass Spirit at Peak

Row 1: Betty Stewart, Vicki Webb, Julie Gieselman; Row 2: Camilla Harlow, Terri Michel, Janice Ham.





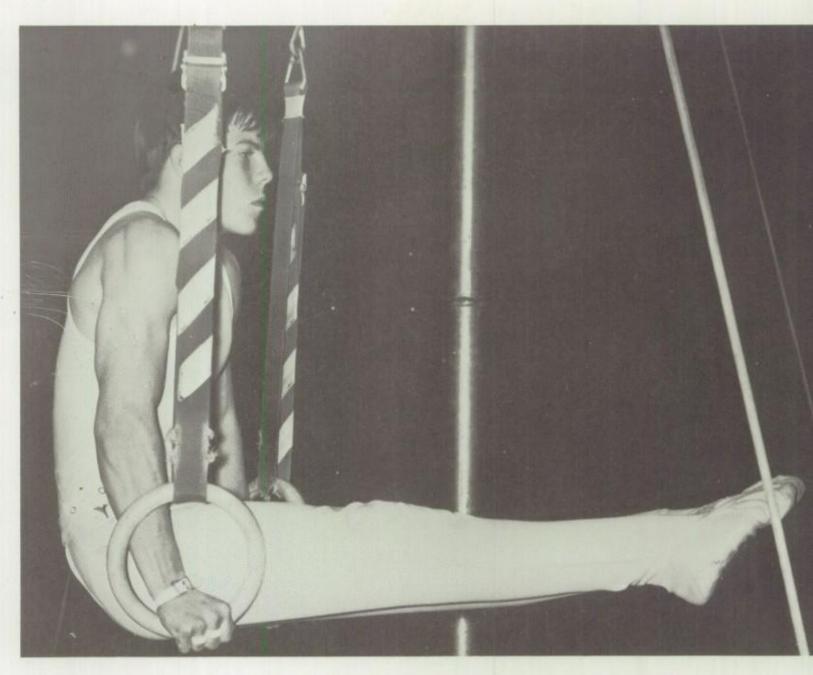
Let's Hear It Rams - SPIRIT



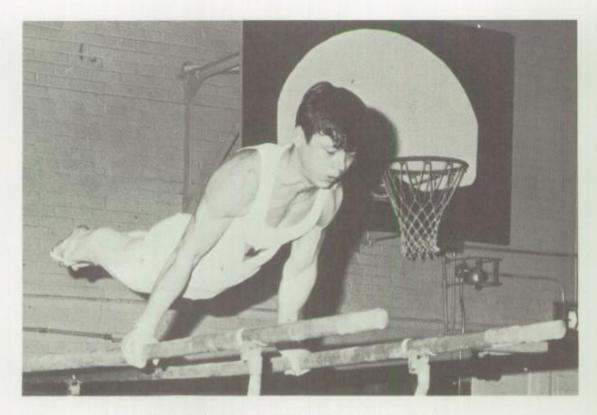








Matt Gangwer lowers himself into an L-seat as part of his routine on the still rings.



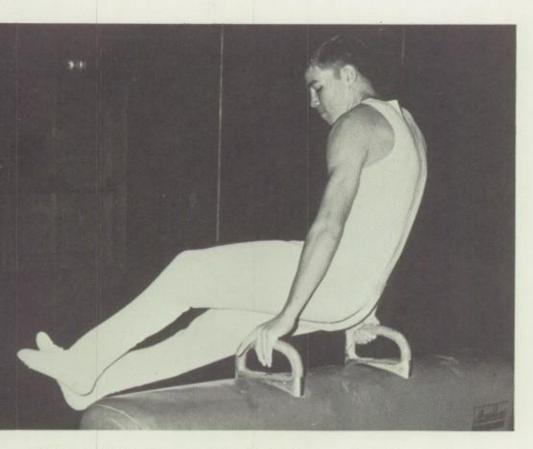
Jim Filberth holds a planche position on the parallel bars.



Mike Ancona displays his skill in a dismount from the parallel bars.



w 1: Mike Ancona, Dan Evans, Brad Keevil, Mike Westbrook, Terry Duram; Row 2: Nick estel, Jesse Bee, Jim McGhee, Matt Gangwer, Jim Filberth, Mark Satterfield.



Mike Satterfield is shown practicing his side horse routine before a meet.



# Gymnasts Compete in District Tourney

Every morning at 6:30 A.M. in the girls' gym 30 boys involved in gymnastics could be seen practicing their routines on the trampoline, still rings, side horse, minitramp, long horse, tumbling mats, parallel bars, and high bar. An outstanding number of these boys who show great promise for future excellence are the following underclassmen: Jesse Bee, Dan Evans, Jim Filberth, Matt Gangwer, Brad Kevil, and Nick Mestel. Team captain Mike Ancona, an excellent performer on still rings, along with Jim McGhee and Mike Satterfield, competitors on the long horse, gave outstanding performances throughout the season and racked up many of MtVTHS's points. The Ram gymnasts completed their season on March 8th at the Roxana district meet.

Row 1: Janice Ham, Paula Puckett, Carol Thornton, Marsha McVey, Bartella Stokes, Hattie Jackson, Sheila McClintock, Karen Young; Row 2: Peggy Disroe, Betty Stewart, Julie Gieselman, Cindy Pullis, Jaylane Morrison, Patty Hanigan, Faye McReynolds, Lynette Myles, Carolyn Eggleston; Row 3: Janet Raney, Nancy Krueger, Peggy Loyd, Kathryn Patterson, Sue Robison, Nancy Haymen, Kim Flota, Diane Harris; Row 4: Myrt Hayes, Sue Baker, Lou Deen, Irvin, Terri Michel, Linda Pardee, Teresa Buttrum, Irene Sanders, Teresa Harris, Jenneal Todd, June Burks, Cathy Eveland.



Under the direction of Mr. Beckmeyer, the A Cappella Choir performed the annual Christmas Musicale.



The orchestra captivated the student body with today's popular songs.

# Assemblies Persuade Others to Participate



The Color Guard presented several distinguished assemblies throughout the year.



Outstanding acting ability was introduced in the All-School Play, "The Little Foxes."

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The faculty also participated in various assemblies.

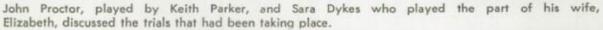


Freshman girls made their debut in the Christmas Musicale.



#### "The Crucible" Captured the Audience With Tales of the Salem Witchcraft Trials





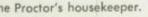




As tension mounted, Mary Warren, played by Paula Wielt, confessed her many sins.



ale Williams, Linda Bohlen, denied that she was dismissed





John Proctor pleads with Mary, Paula Wielt, to confess that she made the poppit and that it did not belong to his wife, Elizabeth.



erend Hale, Bill Webb, removed the spell cast by the devil on Tituba played by Rhonda enacker.

"The Crucible" by Arthur Miller was the allschool play presented by MtVTHS on April 25 and

A crucible is defined as a severe test, and is also a fitting title for this play about the notorious witchcraft trials of Salem, Mass., in the spring of 1692. Mr. Miller, its playwright, accurately portrays the panic of a community caught up in the frenzy of accusations and denials.

The play's action centers on one man's position in these events and his own personal struggle to decide between life and death. John Proctor finds himself in a hysterical world where others listen to the scheming Abigail Williams as she calls innocent people witches in order to hide her own evil deeds. Her maliciousness is especially aimed at Proctor's wife, Elizabeth, who knows that Abigail's dearest wish is to take her place as John's wife.

The Reverend Hale of Beverly arrives to investigate the possibilities of witchcraft and is later horrified by the bigotry of the trials themselves. Presiding over the courts is the fanatical Deputy Governor Danforth (Ron Torregrossa). Assisting Mr. Danforth is Judge Hathorne (Thomas Perry) and Ezekiel Creever (Nobel Dowell).

Another minister is Abigail's uncle, Mr. Parris (Keith Kempter). He is a man plagued by fears and eager to appear innocent to all. The Proctor's timid servant girl and friend of Abigail's, Mary Warren, has a key role in the exciting courtroom scenes.

#### "Take Us the Foxes, the Little Foxes"

"The Little Foxes" by Lillian Hellman is the suspenseful drama about a southern family named the Hubbards. The family centers around Regina, Ben, and Oscar, brothers and sister, who are scheming their way to success. In contrast is Regina's ailing husband, Horace.

The conflict in these lives has been caused by Ben's ambition to erect a cotton mill. The brothers still lack \$75,000 to complete the transaction. This they hope will come from Horace, but he refuses to commit himself. Desperate, Oscar and his son Leo, plan for Leo to take \$80,000 worth of bonds from Horace's safe deposit box. The climax comes when Regina recalls their unhappy married life, causing Horace to be stricken with a severe heart attack.

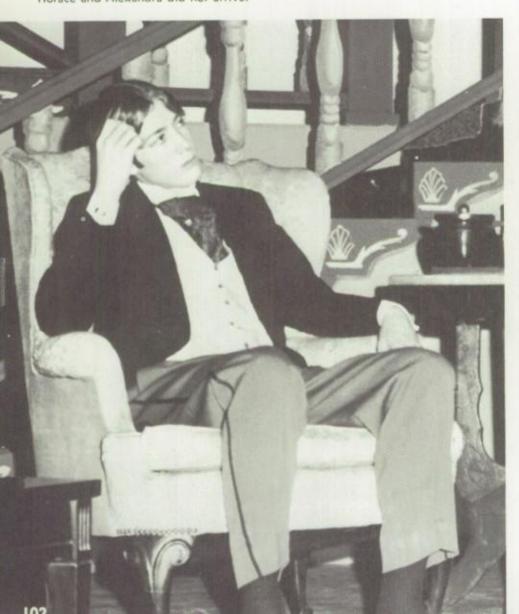
Mr. Miller, head of the speech department directed and produced quite a professional performance. Thursday night's showing went smoothly as expected. During Saturday night's performance Keith Parker's plop into the velvet love seat caused the bottom to fall out, thus exposing the springs and causing a rumble of laughter throughout the audience. But, the show must go on—and so it did.

An authentic early 20th Century parlor was the setting for the play. Properties included an antique pump organ, two flights of stairs, an extended dining room, plush red velvet curtains, and paintings by famous painters.



As Alexandra helplessly stood by, Horace denounced Regina when he realized the scheme planned for him.

"Have you had any word from them?" Oscar questioned, when Horace and Alexandra did not arrive.





Ben wondered why Alexandra and Horace had not arrived yet.





Birdie pleads with Regina not to bring Horace home if it will hurt him.



Addie told Horace of the schemes of cruel Regina and her shrewd brothers.

#### CAST

Addie Karen Book
Cal David Smith
Birdie HubbardSara Dykes
Oscar Hubbard Calvin McClintock
Leo Hubbard Greg Hassakis
Regina Giddens Widney Hertenstein
William Marshall Terry Estes
Ben HubbardNobel Dowell
Alexandra Giddens Jane Morton
Patty Hanagan
Horace Giddens

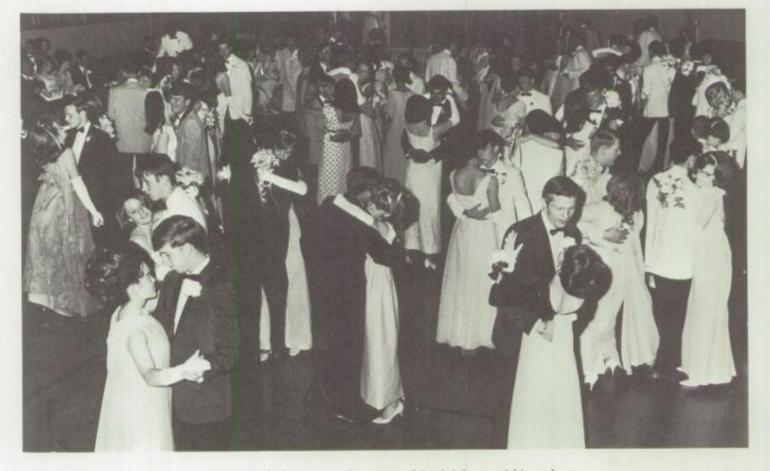
#### Bleu, Bleu L'amour Est Bleu . . .



Those who could hardly keep their eyes open missed the plot of "The Slender Thread"



Lovely Lou Deen Irvin was crowned by retiring Queen Marti Puckett



The night began with dancing to the music of Fred Athey and his orchestra.



The food seemed to last and last all night.



Dennis Baltzell and Mike Featherstun enjoy a quiet moment of relaxation.

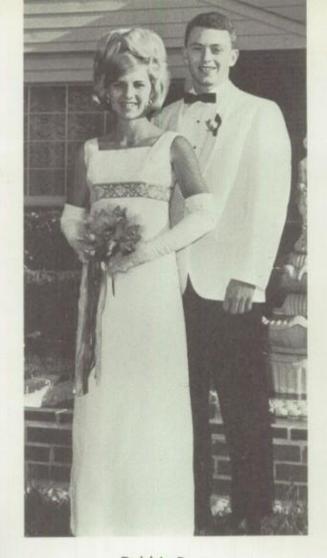
To the juniors and seniors of 1968, these few words represent an evening of dancing beneath a powder blue sky and strolling about a fresh, life-like garden filled with gorgeous flowers.

The boys' gymnasium, decorated by junior students, was truly a sight to behold. Flowers, made primarily by a group of junior girls months before Prom, served as excellent reminders of an unforgettable evening. It was truly a night to remember for Miss Lou Deen Irvin who was crowned by the retiring Queen Marti Puckett, to reign over the evening's activities. Fred Athey's Orchestra from Champaign provided the music.

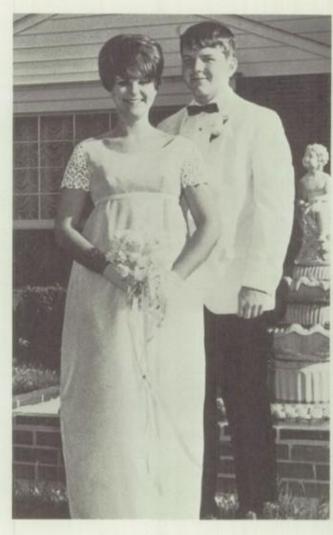
Since it was very cold the night of Prom, the couples wasted little time in getting to the Elk's Lodge for sandwiches and cokes. Afterwards, the group ventured to the Granada Theatre where, if still awake, they saw a dramatic episode, "The Slender Thread", starring Sidney Poitier. Then, the Sting Rays livened up the groups with their vibrant music at the Moose Lodge. For the last event of the evening, the couples returned to the Elk's Lodge for a before-dawn breakfast.



The couples entered a transposed gym through a garden of many spring colors and flowers.



Debbie Burns Mike Sargent



Kathleen Kenney Bob Frakes



Susan Piercy Mike Featherstun



Paula Puckett Jay Woodrome

Mary Pat Bunchman Eddie Lively

#### To Climax the Night, Lou Deen Was Crowned Queen



Jeff Shaw Julie Wilson



Sue Baker Tommy Williams



Queen Lou Deen

#### Thinclads Capture South Seven Title

The Ram Track Team won the conference for the 1967-68 season and qualified for state competition with the varsity and the mile relay teams. The tracksters won the conference for the second time in the history of MtVTHS. The first time being in 1956 when Coach Sonny Ellis was on the team.

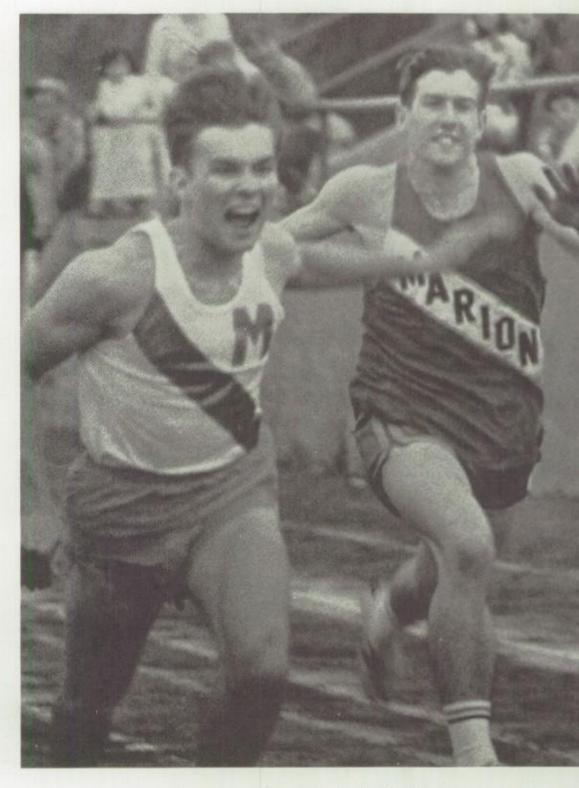
With outstanding performers in every event, the Rams set six new school records.

Some of the leading members of the squad were Eddi Lively, sprinter; Bruce Hunt and Eric Frassato, distancemen; Greg Goodman, shot putter; Don Hodges, Mike Ancona and Willie Shields, high jumpers.

The other teams of the South Seven will have trouble competing with Coach Ellis' Rams, for 12 return this year with an added year of strength and desire.



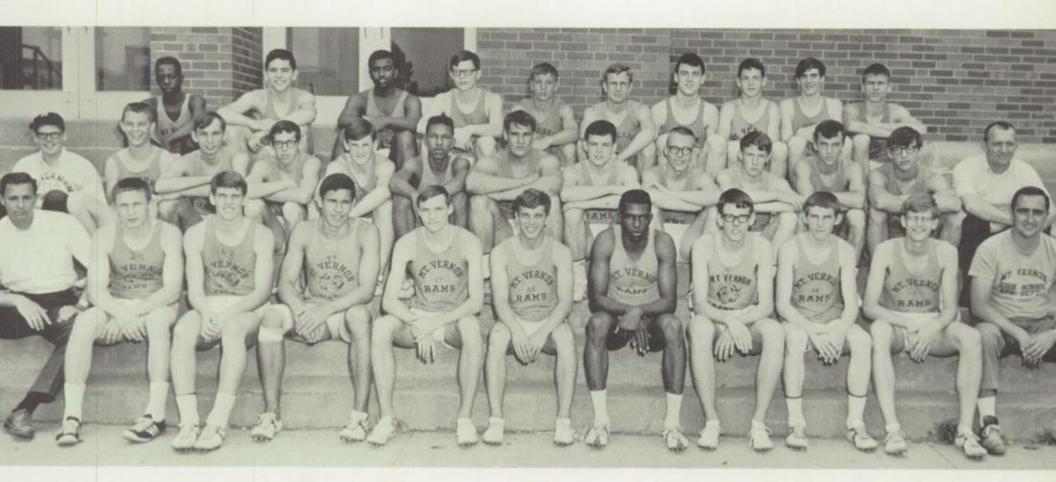
Mike Ancona struggles to clear the bar in the pole vault.



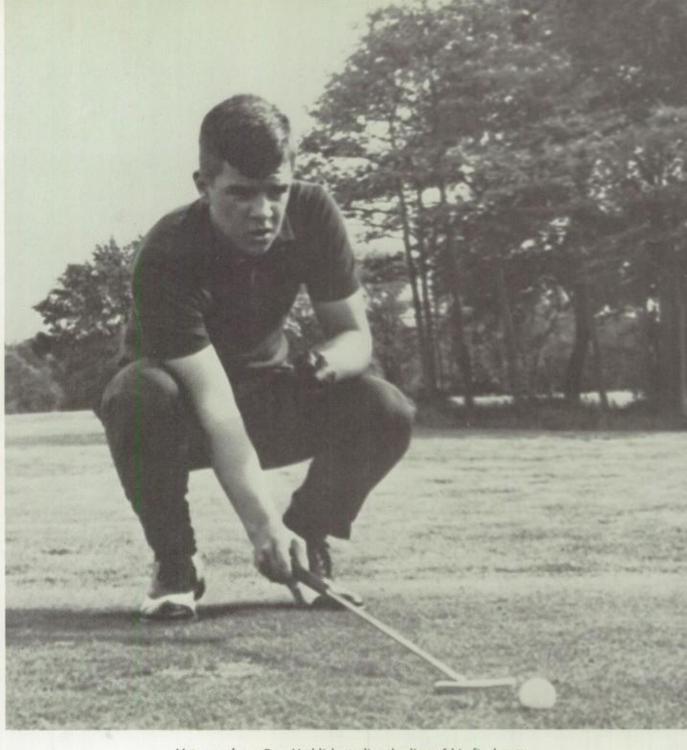
Eddie Lively strains to win the hundred yard dash.



Gregg Goodman shows the strength needed to compete in the shot-put.



Members of the Track Team are; (Row 1) Coach Ellis, Steve Willis, Bengt Olsen, Bruce Rutherford, Mike Payne, Eddie Lively, Frank Sanders, Don Plater, Eric Frassato, Bruce Hunt, Coach Arnold; (Row 2) E. E. Curtis, Monty Dodson, George Campbell, Barry Sargent, Tom Rudd, Eddie James, Greg Goodman, Mike Badgett, Kenny Cross, Danny Orrison, Don Hodges, James Laughmiller, and Coach Feuquay; (Row 3) Gill Hardin, Kim Hall, Larry Mays, Brett Gibbs, Mike Ancona, Ken DiPrimo, Kelvin Plemons, Rick McMahan, Alan Borques, and David Dude.

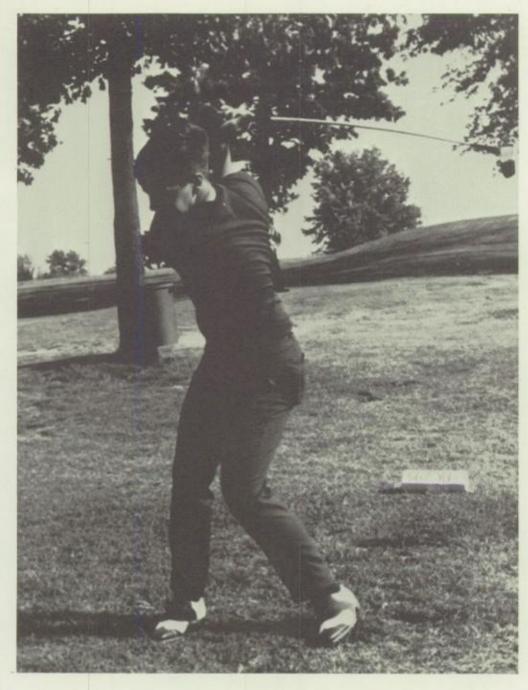


Veteran player Don Nathlich studies the line of his final putt.

#### Linksmen Win 15 of 18 Golf Matches

The 1967-68 Ram golfers under Coach Noble Thomas ranked second in the conference by winning 15 of 18 matches. Outstanding players for the season were Randy Arnett, Don Nathlich, Bud Harris, Roger Patterson, and Tom Williams. The linksmen competed in district play before falling to a tough Carterville crew. With Randy Arnett, Don Nathlich, and Mike Satterfield as returning lettermen, Coach Thomas anticipates another successful season.

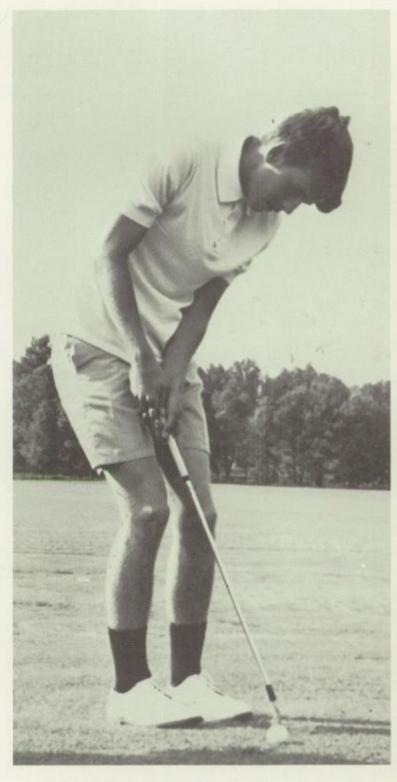




Demonstrating his good golf posture, Don Nathlich keeps an eye on the ball as he tees off.



Golf Team: Jim Smith, Dean Bramlet, Bud Harris, Roger Patterson, Tom Williams, Mike McGuckin, Randy Arnett, Don Nathlich, Dennis Shafer, and Mike Satterfield.



Senior Randy Arnett skillfully concentrates on his putt.



Jim Carkin, the Rams' first baseman, grabs a ground ball to put another Marion player out.

## Diamondmen Win Regional Tourney

During last year's baseball season, the Rams' coach Mr. Scott Gill led the ballclub through a rigorous campaign to a respectable 4-4 record. Sparked by senior members Greg Webb, Mike Weatherly, David Rainey, and Jay Woodrome, the Rams defeated the Centralia Orphans twice while losing a pair to the Marion Wildcats.

Although there is no conference for baseball, there is regional and district competition. Our diamond men won regional tournament play, but they were edged out of the victory circle in district play by falling to a tough Nashville crew.



Pitcher Jerry Seibert warmed up before the West Frankfort game.



Members of the Baseball Team are: (Row One) Bill Green, Jay Paul Woodrome, Larry Roberts, Steve Woodrome, Sonny Hart, Mike Weatherly, Greg Webb, David Raney, Mark Hassikas, Jim Justice; (Row Two) Coach Gill, Randy Phillips, Dale Moore, David Donoho, Jerry Seibert, Nate Hawthorne, Roger Mann, Jim Carkin, Bruce LaRue, Ronnie Young, Eddie Masters.



Catcher for the Mt. Vernon Rams, Larry Roberts, stooped to receive the ball at the Marion game.



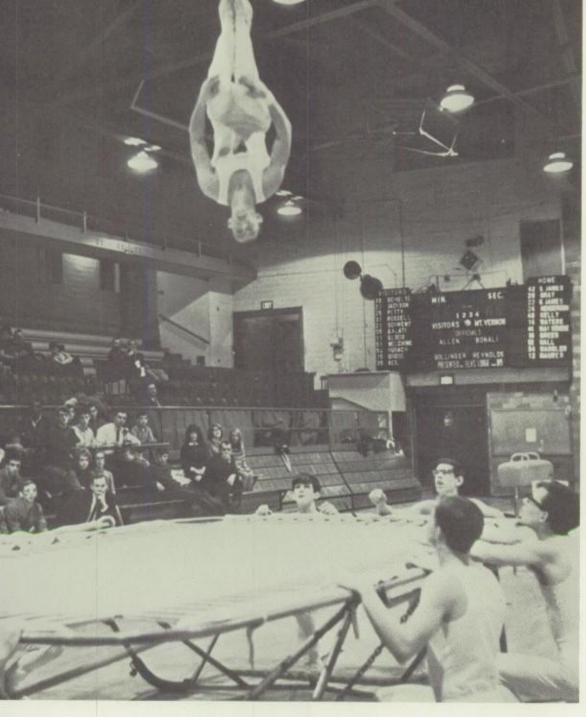
At last! Seniors are victorious in Spirit Stick Competition.



Sophomore enthusiasm runs high as Rams prepare for Carbondale Super Sectional.



This chorus line of members of the Red Stocking Follies provided half-time entertainment.



Gregg Webb executed a back flip during practice for the gymnastics assembly.

#### 3rd and 4th Quarters Accented by Assemblies



"And to Mt. Vernon the best we bring ..."



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ORGANIZATIONS

MARK HASSAKIS: American Legion Award ... Elk's Youth Leadership Contest ... Vice President of Student Council ... Football 1, 2, 3, 4.



TOM PERRY: Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4 ... Science Club 1, 2, 3, 4 ... Debate 3, 4 ... VN News Editor.

TONYA FORD: Illinois State Scholarship 4 ... VN Associate News Editor ... American Legion Award, 2 ... Sophomore Class Vice President.



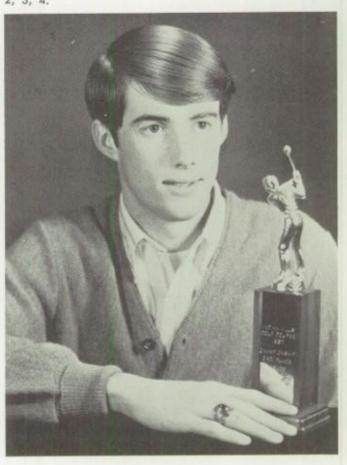
### National Honor Society Selects Top Students

"I pledge myself to uphold the high purposes of this society to which I have been elected, striving in every way, by word and deed, to make its ideals the ideals of my school and life."

Those students selected for membership in the National Honor Society have received the highest honor that can be attained by a student of Mt. Vernon Twp. High School. Having been inducted into the society each member was given the organization's emblem, a keystone with a flaming torch inscribed with the letters S, L, C, S. These letters, representing the four cardinal principles of the society, stand for scholarship, leadership, character, and service—traits found in every National Honor Society member.

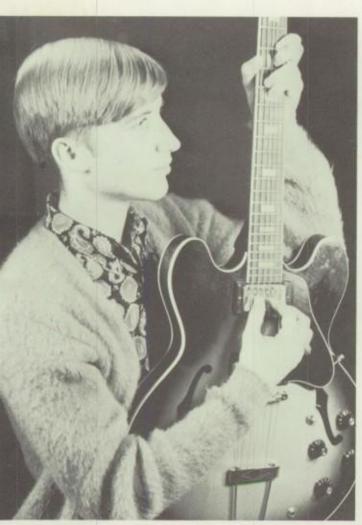
Seniors who have spent six semesters at Mt. Vernon Twp. High School, who possess a 3.50 grade average, and do not receive a majority of negative votes cast by the faculty are inducted into the society in September of their senior year. Those students who, after having completed seven semesters, have a grade average of 3.25-3.50 may be elected to this society by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast by the faculty.

BRUCE THACKERY: American Legion Award 2 ... Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4 ... Golf 3, 4 ... Latin Club



BRENDA MOONEY: Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4 ... Spanish Club 2, 3 ... Spanish Assistant 4 ... Hi-Tri 4.

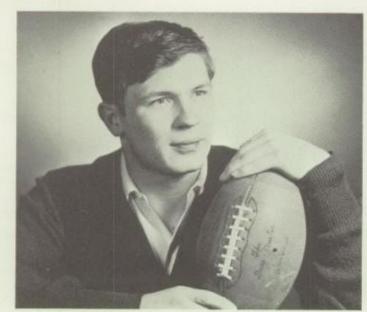




BILL SETTLE: Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4 ... Secretary of FFA 4 ... French Club 4 ... Intramural Basketball 3.



ATTY PRINCE: Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4 ... Cheerleader ... Hi-Tri Council 4.

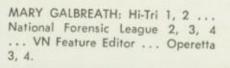


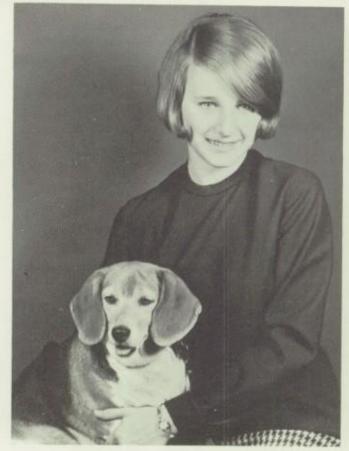
RALPH KORRIS: Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4 ... Math Team 1, 3 ... Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4 ... Track and Football 1, 2, 3, 4.



JERRY SEIBERT: VN Sports Editor
... President of National Honor
Society ... Football, Basketball,
Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4.

STEVE ZELMAN: President of Science Club 3, 4 ... Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4 ... Letter of Commendation from NMSP ... Science Project to State Fair.



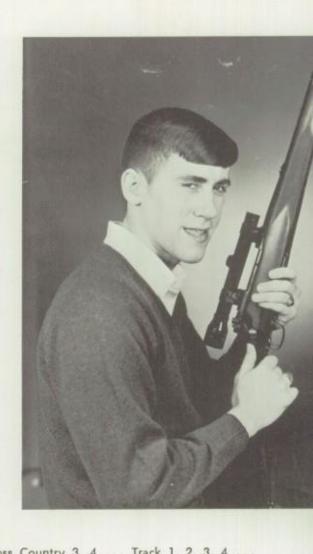


TEVE WILLIS: Football and rack 1, 2, 3, 4 ... Honor Roll, 2, 3, 4 ... AF Academy lominee.



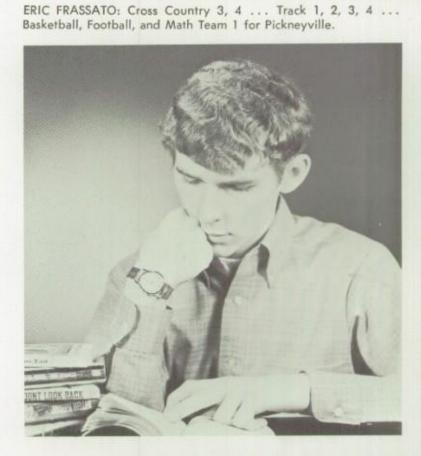
WAYNE CHERRY: Football 1, 2, 3, 4 ... Basketball 1, 2 ... Track 1 ... Chemistry Assistant 4.

TONY ECKERT: Debate 3, 4 ... National Merit Scholarship Finalist 4 ... Honor Roll 1, 3, 4 ... National Forensics League Degree of Honor 4.



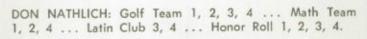


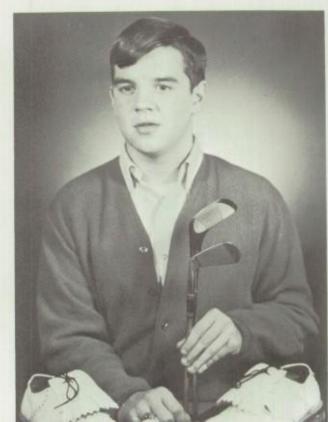
BRUCE HUNT: Track 2, 3, 4 ... Cross-country 3, 4 ... Football 2 ... Assistant Advertising Manager for Vernois News 4.





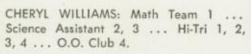
RUTH SONSINI: F.T.A. 1, 2, 3, 4 ... Book Room Assistant 3, 4 ... Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4 ... Special Education Assistant 2, 3, 4.

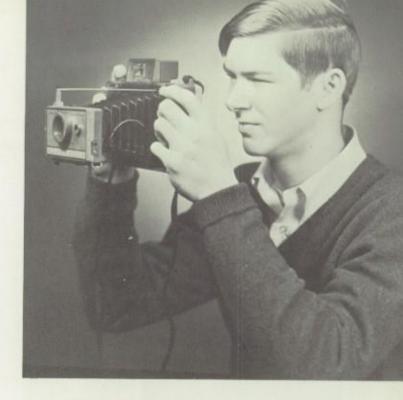






MARTY CHILDRESS: Vernois News Associate News Editor 4 ... Quill and Scroll 4 ... Latin Club 2, 3, 4 ... Illinois State Scholarship 4.







SARA DYKES: Editor of "Vernois News" 4 ... All-School Play 2, 3, 4 ... National Forensic League 3 ... Illini Girls State 1968.





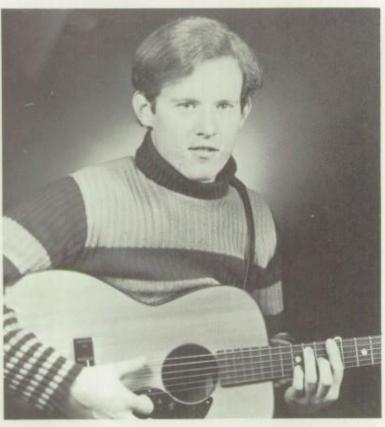
BECKY WEATHERFORD: Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4 ... Secretary of the Year Award 3 ... Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4 ... O.O. Club 4.







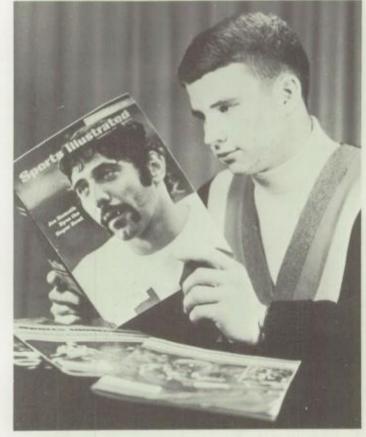
JEANNINE TOLLEY: Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4 ... State Music Contest 2, 3 ... Solo and Ensemble Contest 3 ... Operetta 3.



MIKE MILLER: Latin Club 4 ... Honor Roll 1, 2, 4 ... Engineering Open House 3.



CAROLYN ARNOLD: Latin Club 2, 3, 4 ... Library Assistant 4 ... Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4 ... Auditorium Usher 4.



JIM CARKIN: Basketball 2, 4 ... Baseball 2, 3, 4 ... Track 1 ... Football 1, 2, 3, 4.



JOAN CHAUNCEY: Latin Club 2, 3, 4 ... Secretary of National Honor Society 4 ... Illinois State Scholarship winner 4 ... Music Letter 4.



CATHY FOWLER: Auditorium Usher 2, 3, 4 ... Vendor 1, 2 ... Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4 ... Library Assistant 3.



PAULA PUCKETT: Cheerleader 1, 2, 3, 4 ... Business Mgr. of V.N. 4 ... Editor of Student Directory 4 ... Prom and Homecoming Attendant 3, 4.



NNIS SCHAFFER: Golf Team 2, 3, 4 ... Math Team 2, 4 ... Honor Roll 1, 2, 4 ... Contest Band 3.

IDA FRENCH: Illinois State Scholarship 4 ... Ornizations Editor for Vernois Yearbook 4 ... Variety ow 1, 2, 3, 4 ... Music Letter 4.



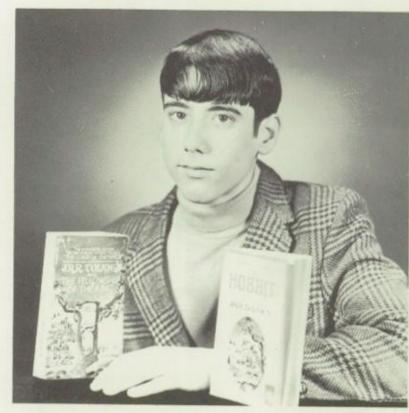
JOHN UNDERWOOD: Boys State 3 ... All-State 3 ... Operetta Orchestra 3, 4 ... State Music Organization and Solo and Ensemble Contest 1, 2, 3, 4.

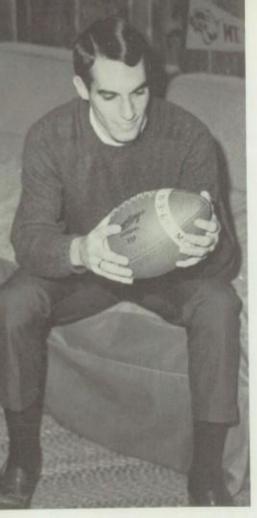




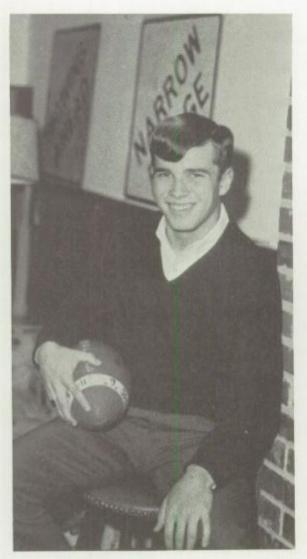
SHERRY SIGWERTH: Variety Show 1, 2, 3, 4 ... Assistant Feature Editor of the "Vernois News" 4 ... Quill and Scroll 3, 4 ... Individual Events, Speech 3, 4.

MIKE RATAJCZYK: Spanish Club 2, 3 ... Honor Roll 2, 3 ... Spanish Assistant 2, 3 ... Math Assistant 4.





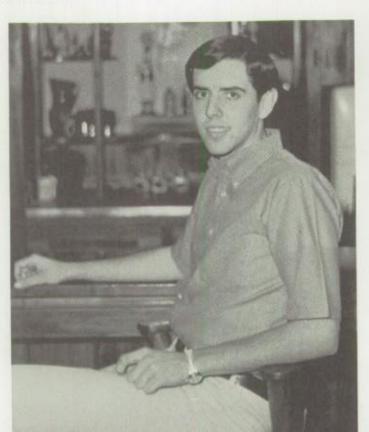
m the facts given him Mark Hasis, Copy Editor, recounted all the ivities of MtVTHS this year.



Eddie Lively, Sports Editor, made sure all the Rams' sports were represented in the Year-book.



This year's Classes Editor, Kathleen Kenney, had the responsibility of alphabetizing and organizing each student's picture according to his class.





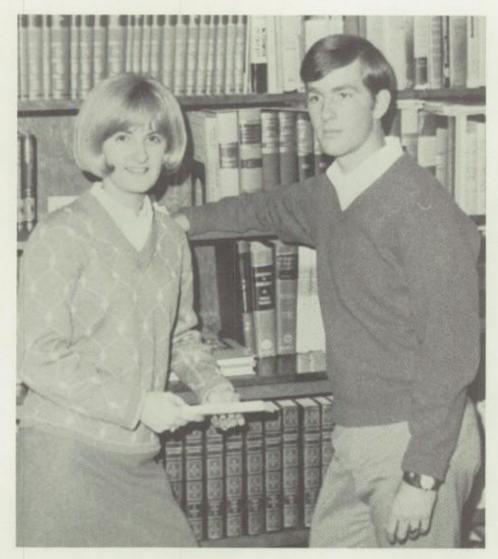
In charge of getting pictures of all the clubs and organization was Linda French, Organizations Editor.



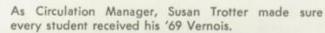
Scheduling picture-taking and knowing of all the coming events was the task of Susie Harlow Photo Editor.

Advertising Manager, Scott Hall, was kept busy laying out and selling ads for the '69 Yearbook.

# Vernois Elected President of ISHSPA for '69

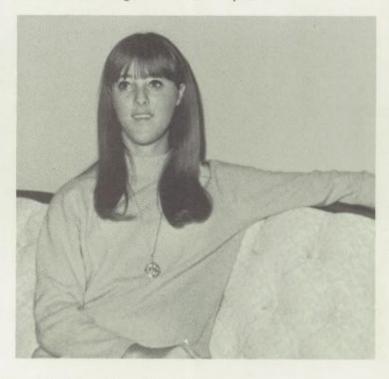


'69 Vernois co-Editors Linda Alexander and Steve Modert spent most of their time planning and organizing the content of the Yearbook.





Business Manager Andrea LaLumondier found that balancing the Vernois budget was not an easy task.



As Art Editor, Jean Derges had the endless job of designing most of the pages for the '69 Annual.



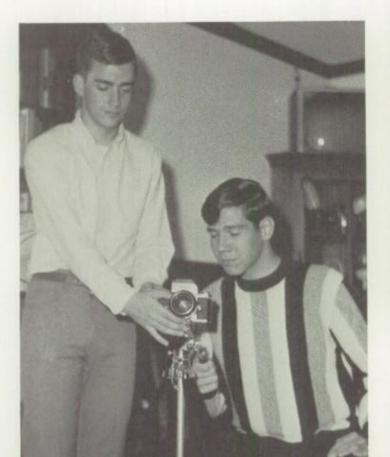
Mary Pat Bunchman, Activities Editor, organized all the school's events and activities for the Yearbook.



Curriculum Editor Sally Epperson and her assistant, Anne Piper, arranged for candids to be taken for all the academic departments.



Junior assistants are, Front row, left to right: Nancy Yon, Jalayne Morrison, Dianne Hill, Nancy Howard, and Jackie Kennedy. Back row: Rusty Stewart, Mary Ward, and Joyce Jones.



### Yearbook Added New Positions to '69 Staff

Sophomore assistants, from left to right, are Floyd Brookman, Jane Morton, Camilla Harlow, and Chris Modert.



Jo Schelosky and Paula Wielt worked their fingers to the bone, as they did all the typing for the '69 Yearbook.



Photographers Peter Modert and David Hunt can always be found ready and waiting "where the action is."



Bill Moore and Bruce Hunt, Co-advertising Managers, sold and designed the ads for the paper.

### Vernois News Worked for All-American Award



Through rain and snow, Exchange Editor Sue Baker and Circulation Manager Debbie Archer never failed to deliver the VN on time.

N Photographer Danny Ripplinger was kept busy taking ictures of all the "happenings" at MtVTHS.



The Student Directory Staff, publisher of "Facts 'N Figures," consisted of Tonya Ford, Editor Paula Puckett, Debbie Aldridge, Debbie Archer, and Mary Galbreath (not pictured).



#### VN Strived for More In-Depth Reporting



Tom Perry, News Editor of the VN, had the responsibility of making sure that the students were informed of the latest school news.



'68-'69 Vernois News Editor, Sara Dykes, had the never ending task of getting the paper to the printer on time.



Business Manager Paula Puckett kept all the records straight for the Vernois News.



ring out pages, writing headlines, and revising stories are a few duties of Associate News Editors Marty Childress, Tonya Ford, and Debbie Aldridge.



ts Editor Jerry Seibert and Sports Writer Ralph Korris were responsible for reng all the athletic endeavors of the Rams.



Everyone always looked forward to the interesting articles written by Sherry Sigwerth and Mary Galbreath, Feature Editors.



Co-editorial Editors Ron Torregrossa and David Smith wrote articles of controversy for the editorial page.

#### Student Council Revises Dress Code

The Student Council is the link between the faculty and the administration. In presenting the students' point of view, it attempted to see each problem through the eyes of the faculty and administration.

During the summer the Student Council met three times to make decisions about what should be the proper length for girls' dresses, whether boys should be allowed to wear mustaches and beards, and just what the proper school attire for the students should be. In addition to the changes in the dress code, the Council redistributed service points.

Also during the summer, each class held a dance to raise money for the Student Council.

During the school year, the students registered many complaints and suggestions with the Council. Many members attended the Kaskaskia District Student Council conventions in order to find the right answers to the students' pleas.

The day before the National Presidential election, the Student Council sponsored a mock election. Using printed sample ballots, registered student voters marked the entire ballot for the men of their choice. Among other things, the Council hoped to give the students an actual experience in voting so they would learn the correct way of marking a ballot and also to make them realize their responsibility. The mock election, executed with the help of Mr. Stubblefield's Civics classes, proved to be a success with many members of the student body registering and voting.

Another main event on the Student Council calendar was the Homecoming weekend. Starting with the parade and sock hop, through the big game with Benton, to the dance, the enthusiasm of Homecoming never died. Even on Sunday morning after the dance, most of the Council members were at the gym at 7:00 a.m. ready to clean up.



Student Council officer Jackie Kennedy, along with ot Council members, serves refreshments at basketball games.



Student Council Officers, left to right: President, Scott Hall; Treasurer, Kathleen Kenney; Secretary, Mary Pat Buncher Vice-President, Mark Hassakis.



Student Council holds regular meetings every Wednesday morning in the teachers' cafeteria.



Representatives-at-Large: Mark Hassakis, Kathleen Kenney, Sue Baker, Belton Caldwell.

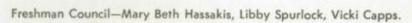


Hi-Tri Sponsors-Miss Alice Wilson and Mrs. Vickie Lewis.



Sophomore Council-Marti McClure, Cindy Pullis, Julie Gieselman.

#### Hi-Tri Counc





Junior Council-Denise Biggerstaff, Angie Pipes, Diane Edmison.



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Senior Council Representatives—Patty Prince and Deb Burns.



fi-Tri girls and their guests enjoyed the potluck dinner and the chalk-talk by Angie Pipes at neir annual Christmas Candlelight Supper.

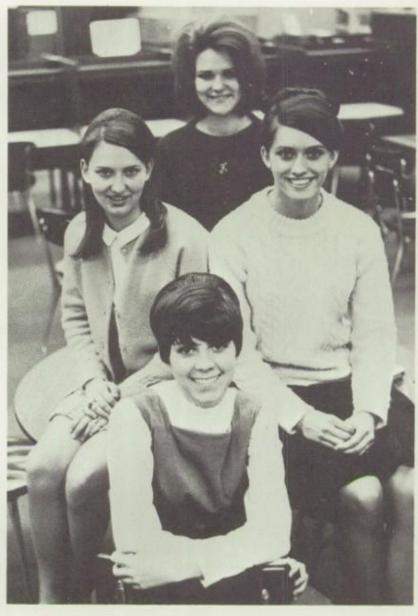
#### lans Monthly Activities



i-Tri Council members listened as President Kathleen Kenney discussed plans for the Sweetheart ance.



nior Council Members watched on stage as the other Hi-Tri Council Members and the new girls formed circle of friendship around the auditorium at the annual initiation.



Hi-Tri Officers—Kathleen Kenney, President; Sally Epperson, Treasurer; Lou Deen Irvin, Vice-President; Anne Piper, Secretary.

The Hi-Tri Council was busy even the first week of school. Acting as Big Sisters to the freshmen, these girls gave directions and explained schedules and locker combinations. This Big Sister Week ended with a picnic at the city park.

During the school year there were several conferences with other Hi-Tri organizations. At the State Conference in Salem, Kathleen Kenney, the local Hi-Tri President, was elected state Vice-President.

During Christmas, the Hi-Tri organization adopted Mrs. Hazel Peyton and her four children—Tina, Teresa, Jerry, and Rhonda. Besides canned goods and pastries, the family was also given clothes, toys, and games.

This was the first time in many years that there had been Hi-Tri at-large meetings held in the months when other activities had not been planned. They were renewed this year on an experimental basis to see if more members could be involved.

#### Language Clubs Provide Interesting Activities

The Spanish Club is open to students who are presently taking Spanish and who have completed two years of the language. Meetings were held the third Wednesday of every month. This year the Club heard Miss Emily Kelley tell of her teaching in Peru and of her various travels. They also saw films on Spanish-speaking countries. The last meeting of the year was a party, which they had been planning all year.



Spanish Club—Row 1: Dianne Hill, Miriel Lincicome, Connie Eveland; Row 2: David Poston, Milo Chappel Pat Torregrossa, Kathy Dickerson, Debby Grimm; Row 3: Terry Sledge, Steve Skasick, Phillip Greer, Loren Rose Janet Waggoner, Maria Williamson; Row 4: Janice Ahlf, Nikki Myers, Jane Brehm; Row 5: Sta Greer, Bill Wood, Ed Ronat, Cathy Eveland, Sheila McClintock, Debbie Hutchison.

Although there was no official French Club this year, about 35 members of the French II classes met after school in at least two activities which they hoped would create interest in forming an official French Club next year.

They celebrated "Le Jour des Rois" on January 6, which is the rench Twelfth Night. Chairmen—Howard Costley, Debbie Ald-

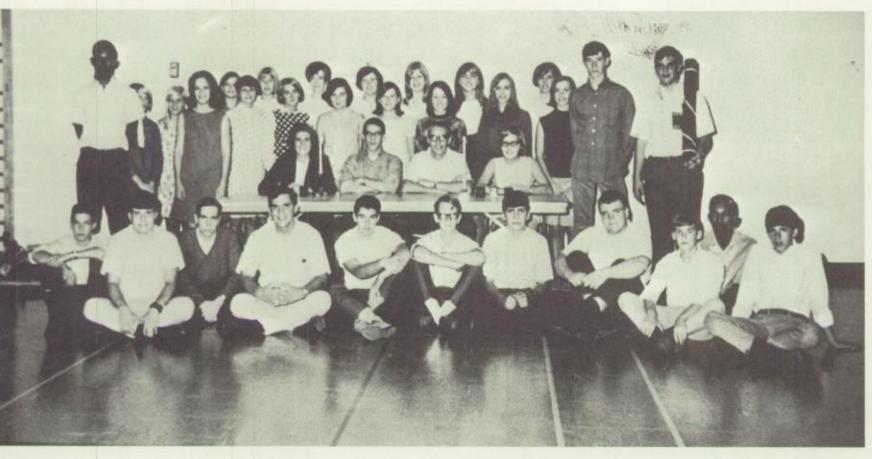
ridge, and George Neal—were elected in each class to plan activities and refreshments in keeping with the French tradition of this gay celebration.

A meeting was held in the spring to make plans for organizin an active club for next year.

French Club-Seated, left to right: Susie Blades, Paula Wielt, Pam Atkinson, Vivian Warner, Diane Jones, Beverly Byors, Doris Gaine Sheryl Porter, Nikki Pace, Sheryl Guyton; Standing, left to right: Doug Long, Bill Moore, Roger Karcher, John Kraft, Gene Herrmann, Kev Davis, George Neal, Howard Costley, John Underwood, Kenny Kyle.



#### Puellae Et Pueri Study Lationem



tin Club Members—Row 1: Tommy Bolerjack, Bruce Fairbanks, Charley Tucker, Jim Clark, James Aitken, Jeff Lewis, Tim Epperson, Del Bob addock, Chris Modert, Eddie James, Mike Young; Row 2: Sally MacNamara, Steve Korris, Kenny Cross, Nancy Howard; Row 3: Gary James, petta Webb, Raelene Eaten, Jalayne Morrison, Joyce Jones, Cindy Pullis, Cindy McCoy, Cheryl Graddy, Jean Chauncey, Gilroy Bernard, Don athlick.



Terry Estes and Cheryl Graddy sell Latin goodies at the Roman taberna.

The Latin Club is composed of present and former Latin students. In October the newly-elected officers and Latin I students were inducted in a very impressive ceremony. In December members saw the movie "Last Days of Pompeii," and in mid-March, Mr. Heinz Boechmann, the German teacher at Rend Lake College, spoke to the Club about German influences in Roman history. For this meeting, Latin I students were responsible for planning and carrying out a Roman funeral. The fast meeting was the annual Roman banquet, held in April. After the multitude of food had been served to the Latin II masters by their Latin I slaves, the slaves presented numerous dances and skits, which were followed by the presentation of awards for the year. To finance the activities of the year the students sold Roman pastries, including the popular "dulcia," at a "taberna." The "taberna," a Roman pastry shop, was in operation at Open House and brought in a record profit of \$86.40. The shop was again opened for business in March during the lunch hour.

#### FTA Explores Many Facets of Teaching



F.T.A. Members—Row 1: Janet Waggoner, Valerie Brown, Debbie Neison, Jane Dickerson, Debbie Arnold, Diana Weir; Rov 2: Ruth Sonsini, Jean Derges, Jane Fox, Joyce Willis, Diane Clark.

The Future Teachers of America Club is an organization designed to familiarize prospective teachers with the proper ideas of the teaching profession. Sponsored by Mr. Harper and Mr. Pearson, the club holds its meetings once a month.

The FTA began its busy year with a "get acquainted" party held at the Game Farm. In October they saw a movie in team teaching, followed by a discussion, and in February, they heard a panel of student teachers discuss student-teacher relationships. Guest speakers throughout the year were Ron Kruppa, Director of Technical and Vocational Education at Rend Lake College, and Mrs. Helen Dancey, past director of Education of the Mentally Retarded at Danvill and Special Education teacher at our high school. As a project this year, club members served as Special Education assistants. The club had a display of teacher-past, present, and future-at Open House, and won first prize for the best display. They also had a "car float" in the Homecoming parade. To finance its many activities, the club had a bake sale in February and collected yearly dues from each member. At the annual Christmas party, the officers served the members and guests. The group made a special trip to the A. L. Bowen Children's Center in Harrisburg. The last meeting of the year was a farewell party to seniors.



FTA Officers—Sue Ann Schallert, Vice-President; Janet Waggoner, President; Jean Derges, Secretary; and Joyce Willis, Treasurer, with guest speaker Mr. Kruppa.



HA Members—Row 1: Zaunda Bargesser, Sharon Jones, Patty Linville, Debbie Odle, President; Row 2: byce Jinks, Liz Vowell, Marilyn Moore, Corrine Boice, Brenda Capps, Sandy Sinks; Row 3: Beth Sanders, ecky Shaw, Patty Jinks, Joyce Hilliard, Ellen Copple.

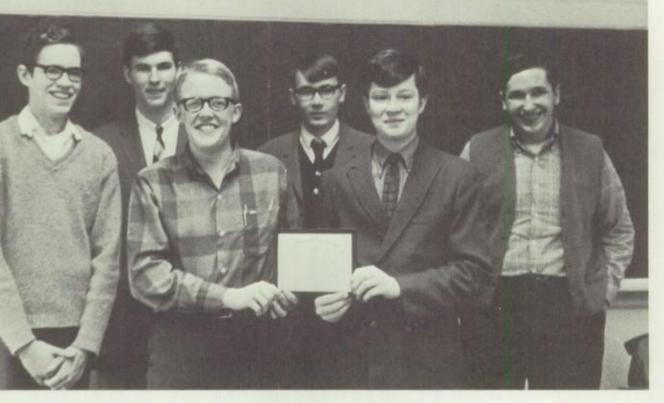
#### FHA and FTA Prepare for Future

The Future Farmers of America is an organization of those boys who want to further their knowledge of the care of livestock, the mechanism of farm equipment, the new techniques of crop production, and the new methods of farm management. In the fall the organization sponsored the annual pest control contest, and members were given points for the amount of pests killed. During the year the club took part in many judging contests, visited agricultural business places, and financed its activities and annual trip with the sale of concrete troughs.

The Mt. Vernon Chapter of Future Homemakers of America is open to girls who are currently enrolled in the Homemaking courses or who have been enrolled in them. The main purpose of this organization is to learn to live better today in order that the girls' lives and those of their families may be better tomorrow. The Club, sponsored by Mrs. Ruth Body and Mrs. Nellie Claxton, met the first and third Monday nights of each month. In addition to these meetings, the girls had a get-acquainted pizza party and also a Christmas party. As a special Christmas project, they made seventy-five holiday favors for patients at the nursing homes. Another event was the semi-formal Valentines Dance for the girls and their dates. Formal installation of members was held in January at a mother-daughter tea, and the officers were installed in early spring. The highlight of the Club's activities was a trip to St. Louis at the end of the school year.



A Members, left to right: Mr. Gaston, Terry Adams, Larry Beckham, Don Willmore, Willie Hale, Jack Johnson, Gary Wangler, Dwight boney, Gary Downs, Doug Leeck, Bill Settle, Richard Estes, Ed Elliott, Rodney Gowler, Eddie Magary, James Stonecipher, Kenneth Easley, vid Whipple, Kenneth Allen, Wayne Hails, Perry Sledge.



Varsity Debate-Tom Perry, Scott Harris, Tony Eckert, Bill Wood, Benny Fryer, Ron Torregrossa.



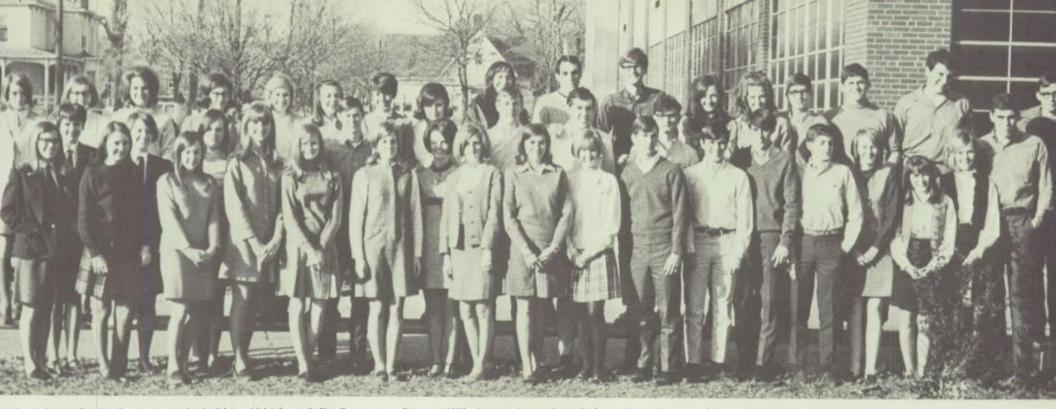
Varsity debaters Tony Eckert and Ron Torregrossa prepare pro and con arguments.

### Debaters Face Stiff Competition

Debate, under the direction of Mr. Mike Hindman, has progressed in many aspects this past year. The major advancement was the establishing of the Egyptian Forensic League, which gives the underclassmen and novice debaters experience in expounding upon a certain side of a controversial resolution. In this League, the final varsity championship was held in DuQuoin, and the final novice championship was held in Mt. Vernon. Both of our debate teams captured second place at these tournaments. The Student Congress, a mock legislative assembly, was also established new this year. The debaters in this Congress presented bills, debated them, voted on them, and passed or rejected them. Although debate demands much time, and students involved are motivated by the competitive challenges which they meet, they are rewarded by the knowledge which they obtain. In debate a student learns to formulate his own thoughts about national and world-wide affairs, to have concise thoughts, to think logically, and to discuss a controversial topic only after researching the topic. This year the topic debated was "Resolved: That the United States should establish a system of compulsory service for all citizens."



Novice Debate—1st Row: Stophas Paveledes, Ellen Dykes, Bennie Fryer, Bill Moore; 2nd Row: Fred Vallowe, Scott Harris, David Smith, Mike Ward.



Quill and Scroll Members—Row 1: Debbie Aldridge, Sally Epperson, Dianne Hill, Nancy Yon, Sara Dykes, Mary Pat Bunchman, Jo Schelosky, Susan Trotter, Sally MacNamara, inda Alexander, Steve Modert, Eddie Lively, Bruce Thackery, Rusty Stewart, Mary Galbreath, Sherry Sigwerth, Sue Baker, Jerry Seibert; Row 2: Debbie Archer, Linda rench, Mary Ward, Marty Childess, Ralph Korris, Scott Hall, Danny Riplinger; Row 3: Jalayne Morrison, Nancy Howard, Kathleen Kenney, Diane Jones, Janet Waggoner, Viane Clark, Anne Piper, Joyce Jones, Jean Derges, Mark Hassakis, Bruce Hunt, Paula Pickett, Janet Raney, Tom Bolerjack, Keith Parker, David Smith, and Peter Modert.

#### Quill and Scroll Encourages Journalists

# Thespian Society Teaches Appreciation of Dramatic Arts

Quill and Scroll is an international honorary society whose purpose is to reward and encourage high school journalists who have done outstanding journalism work on school publications. Membership to this society is open to juniors and seniors who are in the upper third of their classes scholastically, and meet the requirements of their local chapter. At MtVTHS the local chapter is the Lloyd R. DeWitt Chapter of Quill and Scroll, and is one of the 2000 such chapters located throughout the United States. The high-ight of the year for these members selected by the staffs of the 'Vernois' and the "Vernois News" was the annual spring banquet. Membership to the National Thespian Society is given as recog-

Membership to the National Thespian Society is given as recoglition for meritorious work in dramatic arts. Participating as actors, ctresses, and stage crew members in most school productions, most of the members of Troop 804 are from the Drama Department. MtVTHS's troop encourages interested students to attain better mastery of language, to develop poise and self-control, and to appreciate dramatic literature and its technique. The primary purpose of the Society is to advance the standards of excellence in dramatic arts.

All students are eligible for membership if they have earned 10 Thespian points. These points may be earned by participating in school productions, whether the participation is on stage or behind the scenes. The number of points earned is dependent on the time spent on stage and in preparation for the production. For acceptance into the Society, the student with 10 points also needs a two-thirds majority vote of the Thespian members.



Row 1: Calvin McClintock, Sara Dykes, Kathy Collins, Mary Galbreath, Randy Farrar; Row 2: Nobel Dowell, Keith Parker, Shirilyn Farris, Paula Wielt.



Gym Ushers, left to right: Diann Steward, Susan Heindenreich, Barbara Wood, Irean Sanders, Pat Torregrossa, Renee Jenkins, Joyce Jinks, Jacqueline McReynolds, Rose Marie Black, Kathleen Schutte.



Vendors: Bill Wolhford and Lyndell Williamson.

#### Ushers and Vendors Willingly Serve the Public

At all home basketball games the gym ushers showed people to their seats, distributed programs, and helped the teachers pass out and collect stubs. Passing out programs and seating people were the main duties of the auditorium ushers who assisted at concerts, plays, and other programs presented in the auditorium.

This year for the first time the vendors braved the cold weather

during football season to sell food and soft drinks among the crowd, as well as worked behind the counter of the new orange and black concession stand. These journalism students and Student Council members also sold popcorn, Cokes, and candy at the concession stand during the basketball season.

Auditorium Ushers-First Row: Jackie Kennedy, Diane Clark, DeAnn Estes, Renee Jenkins; Second Row: Cathy Fowler, Linnea GaVette, Carol Fowler, Carolyn Arnold.



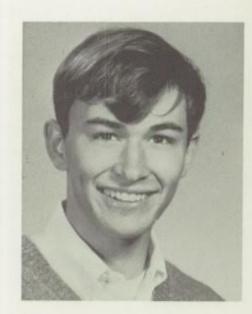


Make-up Crew, left to right: Jane Hefley, Jeanie Wiehn, Jan Pemberton, Susie Blades, Jackie Kennedy, Carol Jacobson, and Tish Scherer.

#### Stage, Make-up Crews Work Efficiently

The energetic members of the stage and make-up crews who worked behind the scenes to help produce professional-like productions. Although they went unseen and unrecognized, their work could hardly go unnoticed. The stage crew not only created all the settings, props, and backdrops, but also saw that they were placed in the proper places at the proper time. Under the direction of Mr. Jim Miller, these people were busy several weeks before any school production was presented. They nelped in setting up and in presenting many of the assemblies and public performances.

Before any of the important school productions, make-up crew members were busy in the girls' gym attempting to create new faces for those who were about to perform. Under the direction of Mr. Miller, these people were taught the correct method of applying rouge, mascara, powder, eye iner, and lipstick.



Stage Manager Mike Featherstun put in many long hours to make all the school productions effective and successful.



Stage Crew, left to right: Becky Coffman, Sue Ann Schallart, Kathy Lee, Jean Derges, Tom Scherer, Jim Filberth, and Julie Hood.



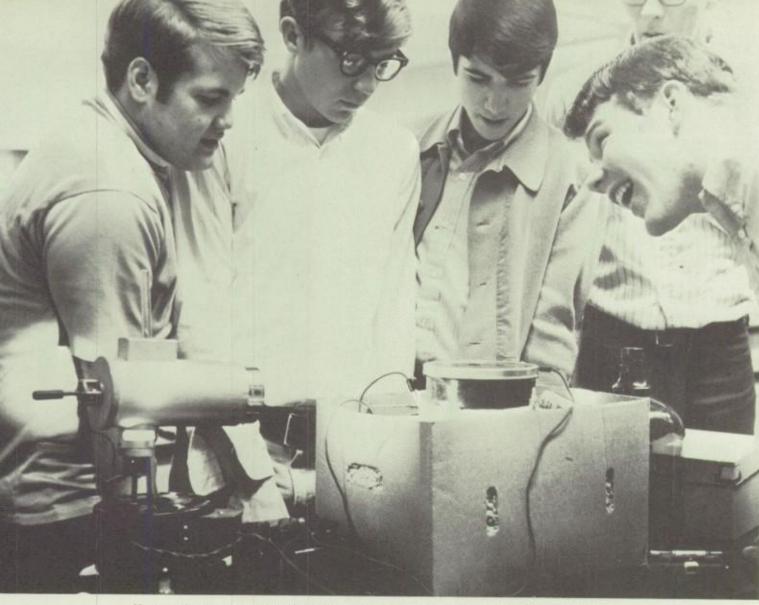
G.A.A. Members-Row 1: Jalayne Morrison, Nancy Hayman, Sally Epperson, Jan Raider, Raelene Eaton; Row 2: Cherine Flippen, Shirilyn Farris, Linda Ellis, Widney Hertenstein, Trudy Balance, Lola Green.

# G.A.A. Encourages Competition

The Girls' Athletic Association enabled girls to learn and compete in sports, both team and individual. Meeting every Monday after school the girls played basketball, played badminton, and bowled. Mrs. Carter and Mrs. Wilson alternated sponsorship of the group each Monday.



This girl demonstrates the correct procedure in Speedball for passing the ball.



Young scientists are pictured as they distinguish between various types of radiation.



ence Club—Row 1: Sandra Zelman, Jane Dickerson, Maria Williamson; Row 2: David nt, Lyndell Williamson.

# Speakers Highlight Science Club Activities

The Science Club was made up of those students who were interested in the field of science beyond the regular textbook material. The science teachers-Mrs. Childers, Mrs. Schmidt, Mr. Kone, Mr. Schultz, Mr. Wayman, and Mr. Wilson -alternated sponsorship of the club, with each teacher holding two meetings during the 1968-69 school year. At the bimonthly meetings the members watched movies, went on field trips, and listened to guest speakers on topics of current interest. This year Mr. Samford of Rend Lake College talked about his trips to Alaska, Europe, and Asia. At another meeting, Steve Zelman, the club president, explained the technical side of aeronautics. This year the members applied for membership in the National Science Clubs of America.

Office Occupations is the organization pertaining specifically to office work. Students complete their required work during the first three periods of the school day. They work in the affernoons as secretaries, receptionists, and other office employees.



O.O. student Beverly Pickerill worked as switchboard operator in the high school office in the afternoon.

# D.E., D.O., O.O. Offer "On the Job" Training



Office Occupations Students—Row 1: Cheryl Williams, Becky Weatherford, Paulette Eggleston, Linnea Gavette, Brenda Swafford; Row 2: Brenda Echols, Francine Lowery, Nancy Wilt, Karen Kock, Marilyn Overturf; Row 3: Kathy Izard, Beverly Pickerill, Trudy Campbell, Judy Dale; Row 4: Sharon Ivy, Marsha Lomax, Joanna Walker, Marsha Burton, Tona Rodatz, Brenda Mays, Jennie Tolley, Mr. Wagner.



iversified Occupations Students—Row 1: Dale Moore, Marvin Batter, Randy Phillips, Jack Prinnell; Second Row: Kenneth Diez, Robert Bopp, Ronald Gibbs, Sherry Roth; nird Row: Dale Duravan, Ted Ziarnek, Carolyn Walker, Tracy Dodson; Fourth Row: Mr. Windhorst, Stanley Black, Steve McReynolds, David Fields, Glenda Bond, Dennis Idalis, Steven Clark, Jim Laughmiller, Carolyn Overturf.

Diversified Occupations is a program set up for students to train for their desired occupation in trade and industrial jobs. Students related classroom, studies to on-the-job training. To be eligible for the program, students must be juniors or seniors and sixteen years old.

Distributive Education is a class in teaching students the skills of merchandising. Students attend school in the morning and then

go to their jobs in the afternoon. The students had meetings every other Monday in class, where they also had panel discussions and planned field trips. This year the class visited Mode-O-Day, International Shoe Company, WMIX, The Register News, and the three banks in town. A hayride, bowling-pizza party, a trip to Southern Illinois University, and the annual employer-employee banquet comprised the group's social events for the year.



distributive Education Students, left to right: Marcia Cross, Susan Puckett, Davita Allred, Rhonda Carnes, Mike Featherstun, Danny Orrison, Don Wiggins; Back Row: Bruce aRue, Mr. Noel, Tommy Jones, Randy Odle, Sunny Hart, Steve Woodrome, Mike Campbell, Diane Jones, Danny Eubanks, Harry Flack, Mike Willmore; Standing in Back: erry Lowery, Candy Glenn, Steve Coward.



Dan Ripplinger Sergeant of the Guard



Senior members of the Color Guard-Roger Karcher, Bill Wood, Darel Lockeby, Ivan McCrar Eric Anderson, Bill Moore, Dan Ripplinger, and Steven Skasick.

#### Color Guard Perfects Military Drill

By practicing three to four hours a week, the MtVTHS Color Guard, under the direction of Mr. Griffith, perfected and expertly performed their drills in marching, military bearing, rifle manuals, and flag etiquette many times throughout the 1968-69 year. Besides presenting the colors at each home football game and at various assemblies, they entertained half-time audiences at home

basketball games.

In addition to all this, these members lent a helping hand to the Lions' Bar B. Q. and the Kiwanis' Pancake Day. Also, they helped in the community by delivering Christmas baskets to needy families, by securing donors for the blood mobile, and by collecting for the Cancer Crusade.

Bottom Row: Dan Ripplinger, Sergeant of the Guard, Ivan McCrary, Darel Lockeby, Steve Skasick, Roger Karcher, Bill Wood, Bill Moore, and Eric Anderson; Top Row. Steve Martin, Jesse Simpson, Mike Magary, Scott Harris, Ed Ronat, John Mowrer, Steve Miller, David Whipple, and Don Price.







Jane Roberts



Sandy Johnson



Drum Major Rick Nance



### Drum Major, Majorettes Lead Marching Band

Rick Nance, Drum Major, had the privilege this year of leading the band and the majorettes. Last summer, he attended A. R. Cassavant Drum Major Camp, where he learned many new techniques of leading the band.

Pam Atkinson, Senior, once again served as head of the majorettes. Also returning to this year's squad were seniors Debbie Burns and Jane Roberts and sophomores Janet Anderson and Sandy Johnson. Libby Sprulock, freshman, and Pam Buttrum, sophomore, made their twirling debuts as the rest of the MtVTHS 1968-69 Majorettes.



Pam Atkinson Head Majorette



Debbie Burns



Libby Spurlock



Row 1: Barbara Reynolds, Angee Moses, Nancy Howard, Susan Perry, Alan Jolly, Nancy Reynolds, John Underwood; Row 2: Sue Fisher, Debbie Grimm, Jo Alice McGonigal Jeannie Wiehn, Stuart Smith, Debbie Kelley, Tonya Ford, Beverly Byars, Marti McC'ure, Jeri Sledge, Linda French, Jeannie Harvey; Row 3: Diane Clark, Raelene Eaton, Keith Parker, Calvin McClintock, Gary James, Jon Olson, Diane Hawkins, Eddie James, Janet Reynolds, Vicki McGuire, Keith Brown, Janice Smith, Rick Nance, Michael McManamy, Mike Ligon, Steve Woodrome, Janice Allen; Row 4: Bill Martin, Linda Sinclair, Nobel Dowell, Janice Ahlf, Quetta Webb, Joe Bayne, Doug Long, Shirlyn Farris, Randy Depois ter, Norman Wohlford, Larry Reynolds, Jack Eubanks, Kenny Kyle. Standing: Debbie Archer, Roger Mullinax, Nikki Myers, Bennie Fryar, Scott Harris.

### Symphonic Most "Elite" of Bands

Perhaps the most familiar organization is the Symphonic Band. Alternating with the Varsity Band at home basketball games, the Symphonic Band members also composed the main part of the Marching Band during football season. Members of the group formed a brass and percussion accompaniment for the A Cappella Choir in the Christmas Musicale. The Band began its annual concert series this year with an assembly at the junior high. Following this program, they performed in a high school assembly, a Sunday afternoon concert, and a county tour. They also participated in the District Solo and Ensemble Contest in Mascoutah on March 15, and the Organization Contest on April 19.

Calvin McClintock seeks an "easy" escape from practice.





Mr. Smith waits to start the Orchestra at the Operetta Preview.

, Members of the Symphonic Orchestra put out a great deal of time and work preparing for musical events throughout the year. Before presenting the instrumental part of the operetta, they gave their preview at a school assembly and also at "open house." The group then participated in Area All State at Evansville campus of SIU and in the Christmas Musicale during the months of November and December, respectively. They went on tours to the county and local junior high in February, and played in the winter-spring concert series. Highlighting the year were entries in the solo-ensemble and state contests. For their final performances of the year, the members of the orchestra played at Baccalaureate and commencement Exercises.

#### Symphonic Orchestra Participates in All-State

Row 1: Carol Sanders, Joan Chauncey, Stephen Smith, Don Harrison, Linda Pardee, Teresa Buttrum; Row 2: Rhonda Gregory, Karen Book, Elizabeth Vowell, Brenda Wheeler, Debbie Grimm, Sue Fisher, Angee Moses, Barbara Reynolds, John Underwood, Nancy Reynolds, Jon Olson, Marti McClure; Row 3: Nancy Wolfe, Johnnie Ashby, Denny Brandon, Janice Allen, Mike Ligon, Michael McManamy, Doug Long, Shirlyn Farris, Randy Depoister, Jeri Sledge, Jeannie Harvey, Joe Bayne; Standing: Debbie Archer, Roger Mullinax, Scott Harris, Kathleen Page, Debbie Aldridge.



The goal of all MtVTHS singers is A Cappella Choir, a group of select underclassmen. Comprising the chorus for the operetta, the members also performed the major part of the cast. In December, the A Cappella Choir, aided by Voice I singers and the brass-percussion presented the Christmas Musicale in a public assembly, as well as in an assembly program. The Choir used "Sing We Now of Christmas" instead of the traditional "Song of Christmas" in the programs this year.

They participated in a county tour, several assembly and concert programs, and State Solo-Ensemble and Organization Contests throughout the months of March and April.



Members of the A Cappella Choir prepare to board the bus for one of their many tours.

#### A Cappella Choir Sings New Musicale

Row 1: Carla Wheeler, Nelda Spears, Jeanie Wiehn, Janet Raney, Jim Justice, Calvin McClintock, David Clayton, Bobby Shelton, Mike Ancona, Steve Corsere, Debbie Burns, Patty Prince, Jackie Kennedy; Row 2: Brenda Peele, Penny Gaunt, Vickie Berst, Jackie Boldwyn, Terry Boswell, Brett Gibbs, Don Linville, Jay DeWitt, Chris Shepard, Patricia Peterson, Patty Waite, Janet Reynolds, Pam Atkinson, Janet Waggoner; Row 3: Kathleen Kenney, Miriel Lincicome, Terry Smith, Nancy Dilley, Rick Nance, Randy Germann, Kevin Davis, Ed Ronat, Thurmond Drennan, Jesse Bee, Ronnie Sanders, Debbi Hutchison, Gayle Mann, Nova Payne, Jane Roberts.





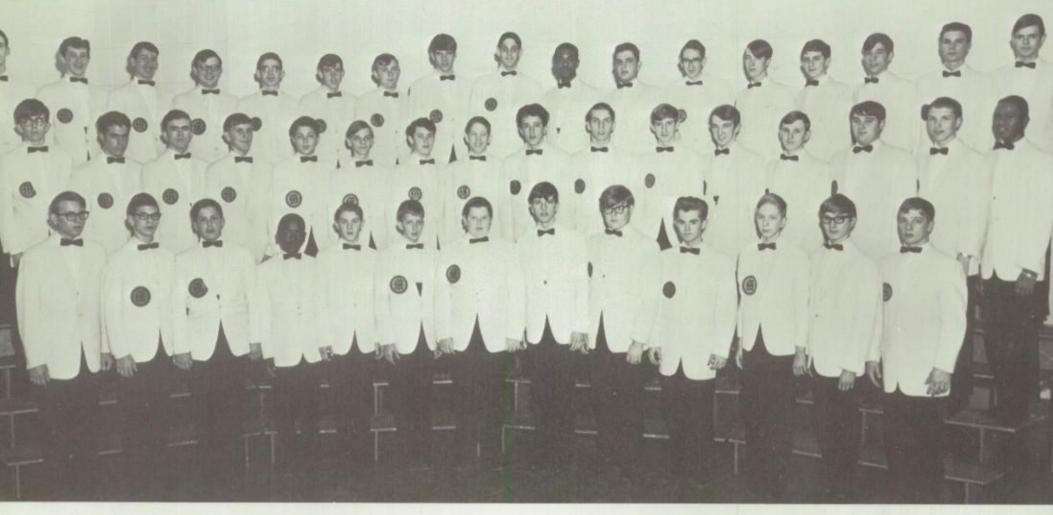
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# Varsity Forms Half of Marching Band

The Varsity Band was that group of musicians which comprised half of the Marching Rams. This group also alternated with the Symphonic Band at home basketball games. Select members of this group participated in the Contest Band and also participated in the Solo-Ensemble Contest at Mascoutah. In the spring, the Band presented a program for the All-Department Concert.

The Marching Band participated in the Homecoming Parade.





Boys' Chorus—Row 1: Randy Ruppe, Jim Sallor, Jim McDonald, Hosea Moore, John LeGrand, Mike Hertenstein, Gene Leffler, Steve Jones, Richard Jenkins, Steve Corsere, Stanley Bullock, Rod Davis, Mike Ancono; Row 2: John Hester, David Clayton, William Bandy, Randy Knox, Vernon Presley, Jim Justice, Calvin McClintock, Eric Davis, Ronnie Sanders, Don Linville, Jay DeWitt, Chris Shepard, Bobby Shelton, Doug Long, Kenney Beaty, Gregory Bee; Row 3: David Whitney, Kent Renshaw, Kevin Davis, Brett Gibbs, Gary Downs, Terry Boswell, Randy Germann, Warren Kraft, Bill Cox, Jesse Bee, Lyndell Williamson, Stanley Greer, Noble Dowell, Craig Sinclair, Bob Feltmeier, Thurmond Drennan, Ed Ronat.

#### Many Involved in Extra-Curricular Music

Pep Band plays for all pep assembiles. Arousing spirit here are several members of this band. Row 1: Scott Harris, Roger Mullinax, Janice Allen, Shirlyn Farris, Sue Fisher, Debbie Grimm; Row 2: Joe Bain, Randy Depoister, Mike Ligon.





Row 1: Marsha McVey, Barbara Wood, Marty McClure, Cindy Pullis, Vicki Webb, Betty Steward, Debby Perrachoine; Row 2: Julie Gieseiman, Janet Anderson, Debra Richardson, Diane Steward, Diane Weir, Patty Hanagan, Debbie Richardson, Cheryl Graddy; Row 3: Mary Whisenhunt, Mary Estes, Janet Owens, Rosemary Baines, Beverly Moore, Rhonda Baker, Ruth Ann Smith, Carol Beerup; Row 4: Camilla Harlow, Terri Michel, Brenda Hunt, Debbie Dulaney, Beth Nance, Katheleen Page, Jane Fox, Teresa Bumpus, Katheleen Schutte.

#### Girls' Chorus Emphasizes Public Performance

The Sophomore Girls' Chorus, under the direction of Mr. Tal Smith, investigated the more advanced concepts of music. The group of 38 girls made their first appearance as the angel choir, praising the Christ Child in the annual Christmas Musicale.

In March the group accompanied the A Cappella Choir in a special concert at the junior high. A few of the girls participated in the solo and ensemble contest hosted by Mascoutah in March.

In April, the group participated in the organization contest held in Mascoutah, where they received very high ratings.

Various assemblies, shared with the other organizations of the Music Department, highlighted their year in search of musical knowledge.



Beginning Band-Row 1: Marie Boggs, Cynthia Taylor, Gary Disroe; Row 2: Kenneth Easley, Bob Knull.

Regardless of proficiency, all Freshman String players are placed in Varsity Orchestra, which is augmented by the woodwinds of the Varsity Band. Besides learning the fundamentals of music, members of this organization participated in contests, and the group joined the rest of the Department for the All-Department

Concert.

Those band students who had not previously in band were placed in Beginners' Band. There they learned the basic music concepts and received individual lessons.

#### Novice Musicians Gain Experience

Varsity Orchestra—Row 1: Lisa Grigg, Sue Wolfe, Phyllis Rohlfing, Vicki Pearce, Stan Mayo; Row 2: Ruth Brown, Gary Loss, Tom Archer, Kristie Martin, Cathy Smith, John Little, Susie Blades, Stephen Richardson; Row 3: Duff Cooper, Eddie Ferguson, Owen Oliger, Craig Sinclair, Roger Featherstun, Randy Miller, Nancy Newell, Chris King, Steve Harvey.





Row 1: Debbie Dare, Mindy Bumpus, Penny Albers, Anne Bersagel, Randy Cummings, Alice Fox; Row 2: Peggy Disroe, Ross Brown, Jeff Parker, Chuck Hale, Larry James, Terry Sampson, Linda Crawford, Sharon Jones, John Hester, Alecia Bain, Kenneth Beatty; Row 3: Glen Winks, Jim McDonald, Libby Osborne, Max Pigg, Alex Dawson, John Cook, Jim Patton, Bill Cox, Randy Ruppe, Gene Leffler, John LeGrand.

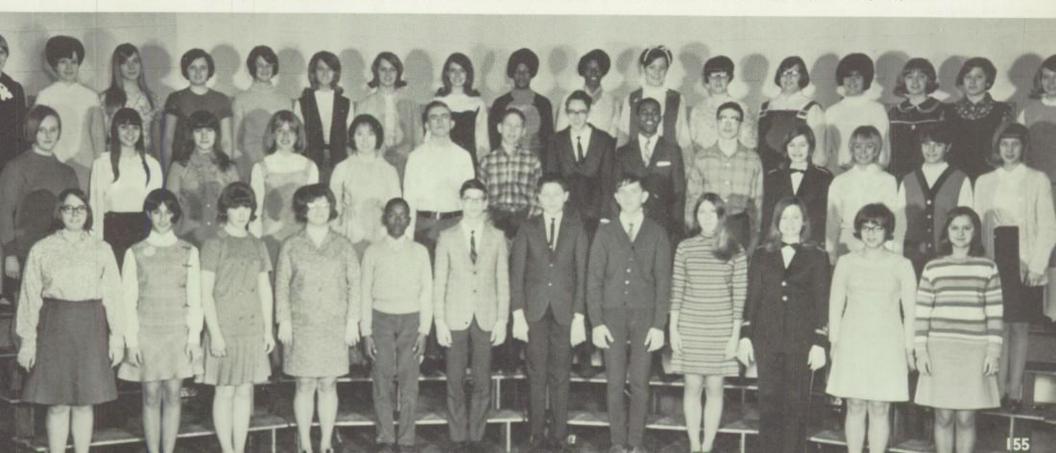
#### Basics Taught in Cadet Band and Voice I

The Cadet Band, primarily made up of freshmen, is the training unit for the bands that follow. Members of this group were taught the basic fundamentals of instrumental technique. Members of Cadet Band were also eligible for contest band. The Cadet Band gave one concert during the second semester in coordination with Voice I.

Voice I, a prerequisite for all choral groups at MtVTHS, places

emphasis on voice building, reading, and learning the basic elements of music. The highlight of their musical activities was the Christmas Musicale. This year, because of the change of the format of the Musicale, the Chorus carried electric candles in the entrance procession, and wore black choir robes, instead of the traditional white ones. Their final performance was the Cadet Band-Chorus Concert.

Row 1: Susan Mann, Mary Beth Hassikis, Karen Bradford, Deborah Wooley, Hosea Moore, Jim Sailor, Vernon Presley, Randy Knox, Bobbie Jones, Lana Skinner, Debbie Sursa, Libby Spurlock; Row 2: Colleen Atchison, Sue Wolfe, Terry Speake, Jacque LaLumondier, Diana Tuttle, Bill Bandy, Eric Davis, Stan Greer, Gregory Bee, Gary Downs, Kristie Martin, Pam Buttrum, Debbie Arnold, Mary Womac; Row 3: Donna Kimmel, Debbie Roberts, Gail Greer, Arden Ellis, Kathy Fairchild, Trena Adams, Mary Dowell, Elaine Mays, Henrene Golden, Karen Morton, Amy Regenhardt, Kerry Pace, Jill Guyton, Jeannie Riggs, Shiela McClintock, Susan Guggenheim, Nancy Hayman.





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INDIVIDUALS

#### Class of '69 Presents Senior Gift to School

Serving their class for the last year were these senior officers—Scott Hall, president; Mary Pat Bunchman, vice-president; Steve Modert, secretary; Debbie Burns, treasurer; and Quetta Webb and Eddie Lively, representatives. The main task of these officers was to choose a class gift, with the approval of the members of the Senior Class. The gift this year was a set of floor microphones to improve the audio at plays and assemblies.



Leading the class of '69 were President Scott Hall and Vice-President Mary Pat Bunchman.



elping to lead the Senior class were Secretary Steve Modert and Treasurer



Senior Student Council Members serve refreshments to thirsty Ram fans at half-time.



Aiding the other Senior officers were Class Representatives Quetta Webb and Eddie Lively.







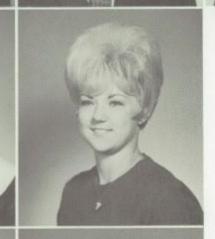


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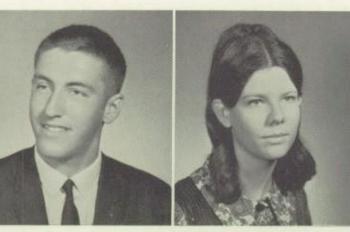


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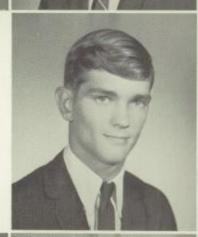


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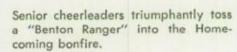


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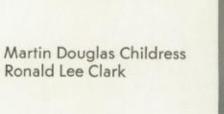


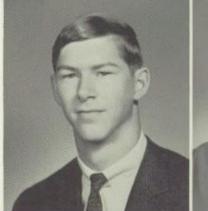


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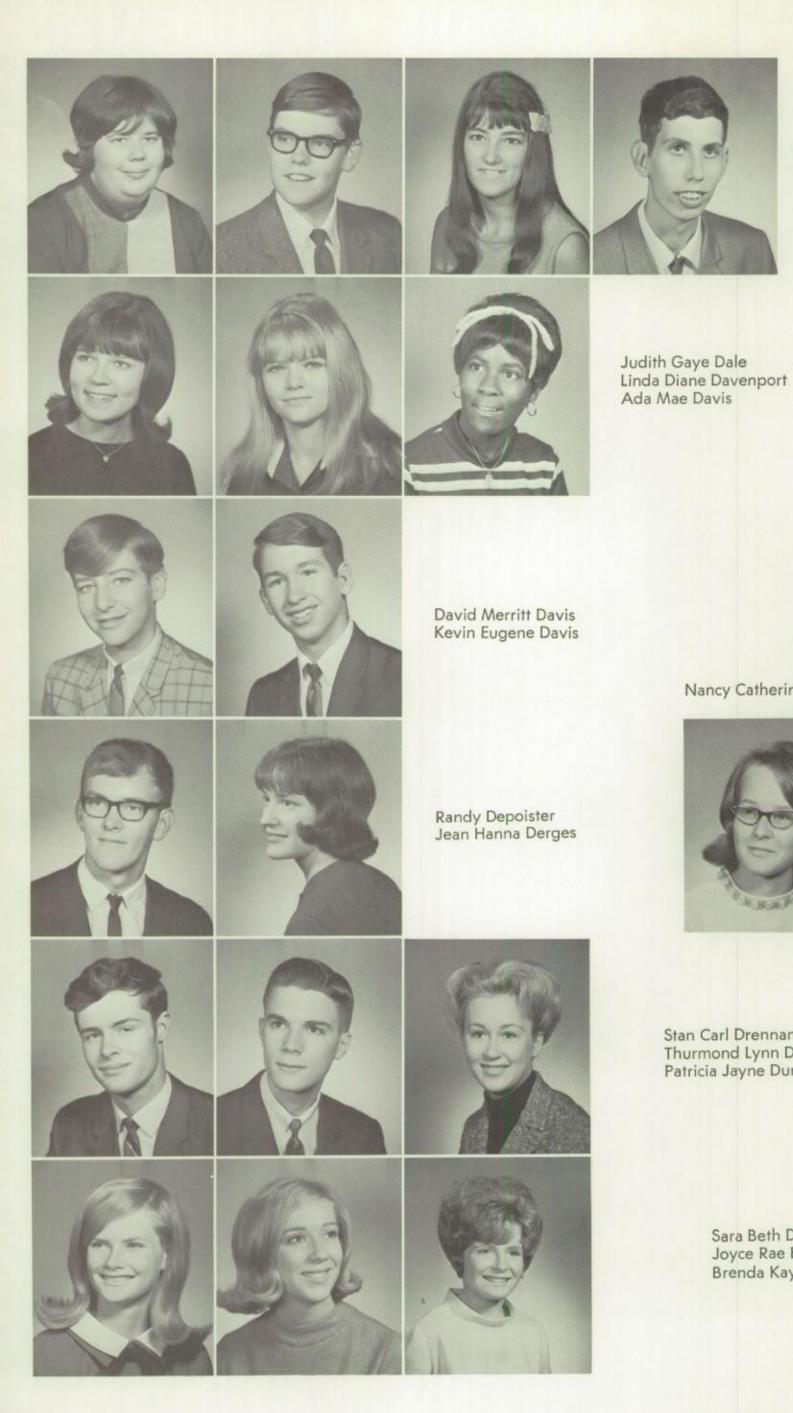


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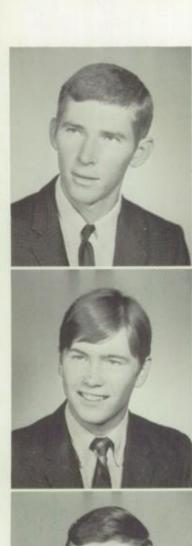


















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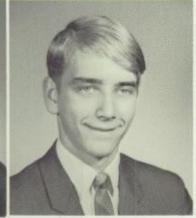




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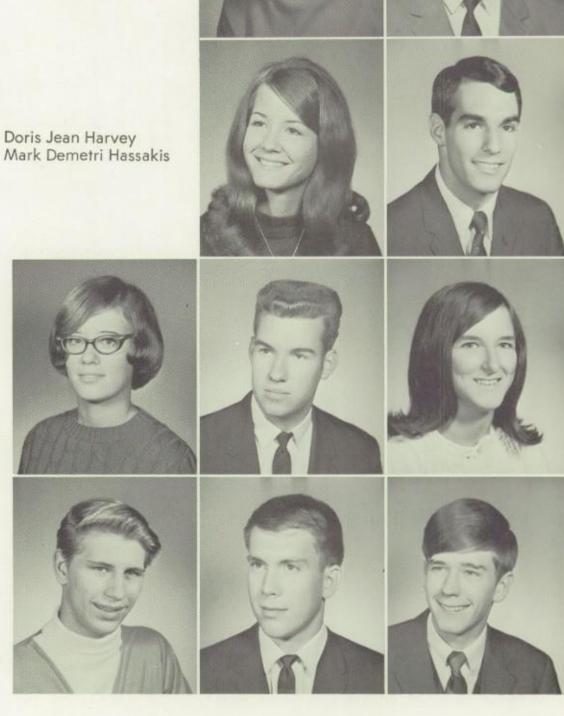
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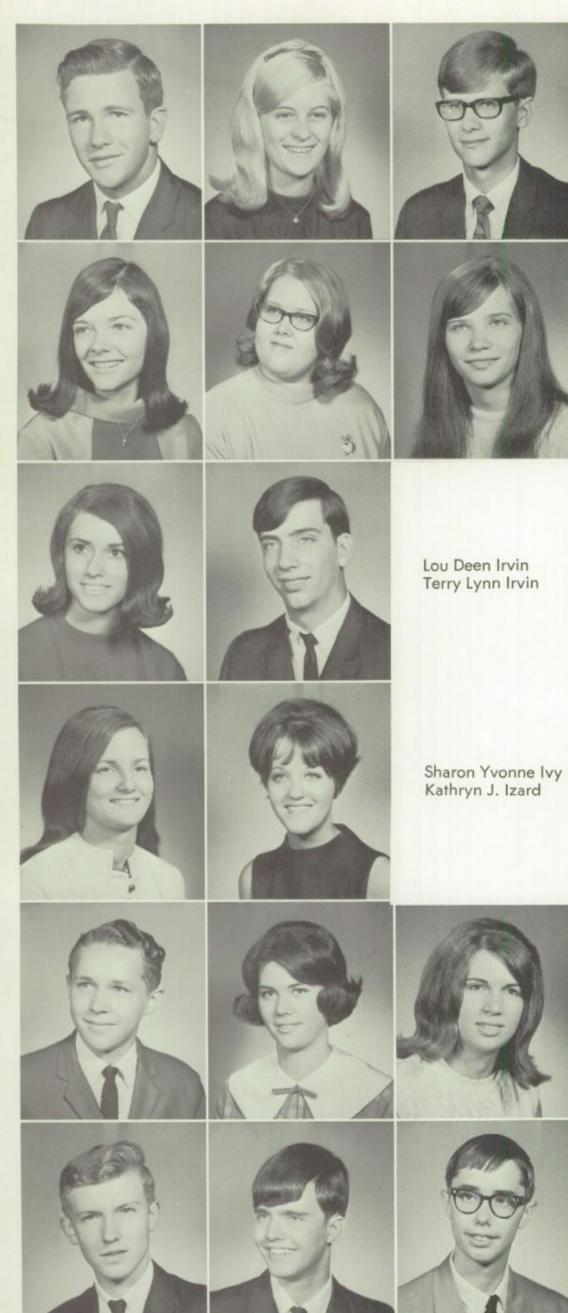


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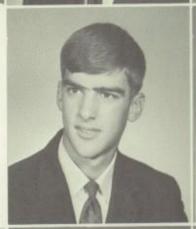


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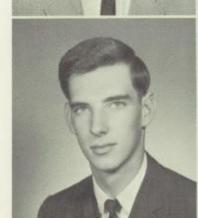




























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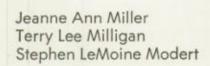
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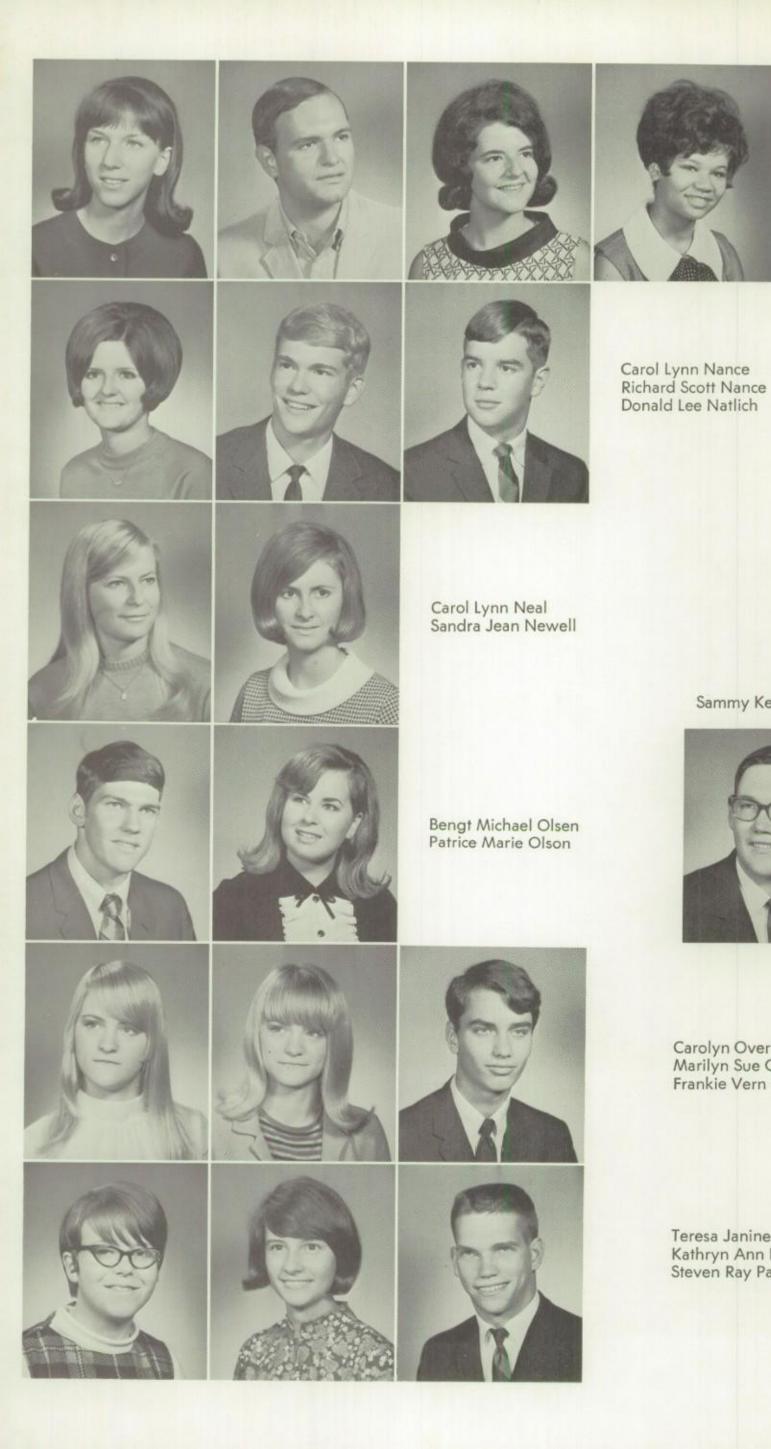


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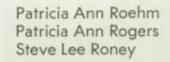
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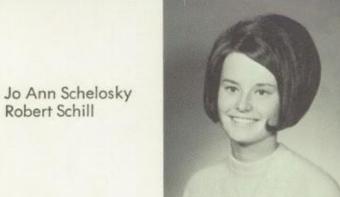






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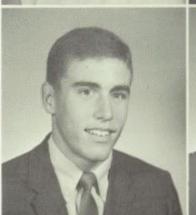
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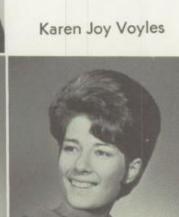
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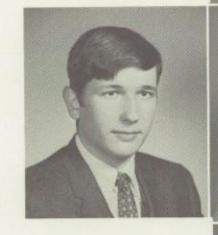
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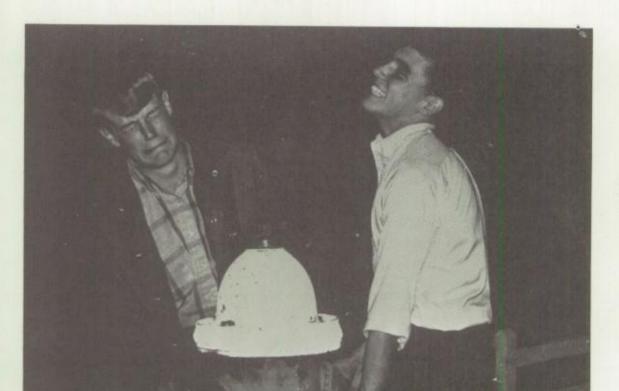


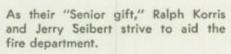
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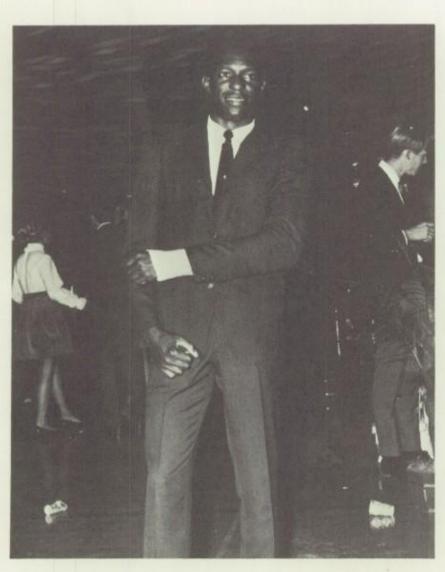


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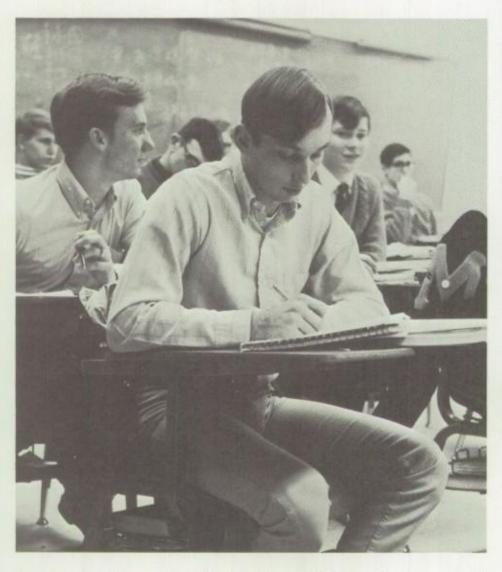
Frank Sanders enjoys his Senior Homecoming Dance in spite of a football injury.



The Open House display, "Home of Journalism," attracted the attention of Senior Jim Carkin.

### Junior Officers Plan '69 Prom Activities

Serving the Junior Class as officers were Ken DiPrimo, president; Jackie Kennedy, vice-president; Steven Korris, secretary; Diane Edmison, treasurer; and George Campbell and Jalayne Morrison, representatives. These people were in charge of creating and carrying out plans for all the activities of the Prom.



Representative George Campbell studies to maintain the C average needed to serve on the council.



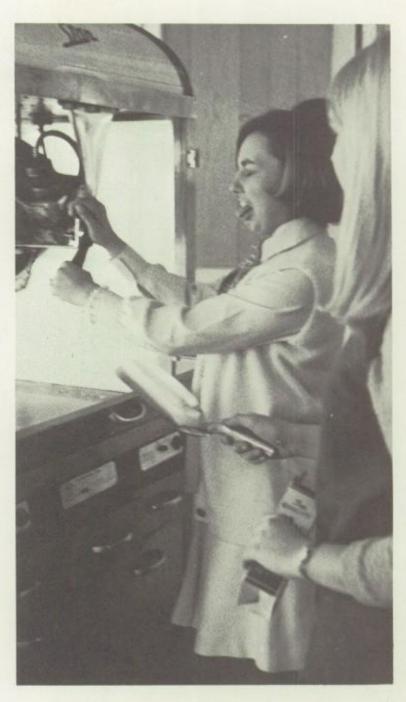
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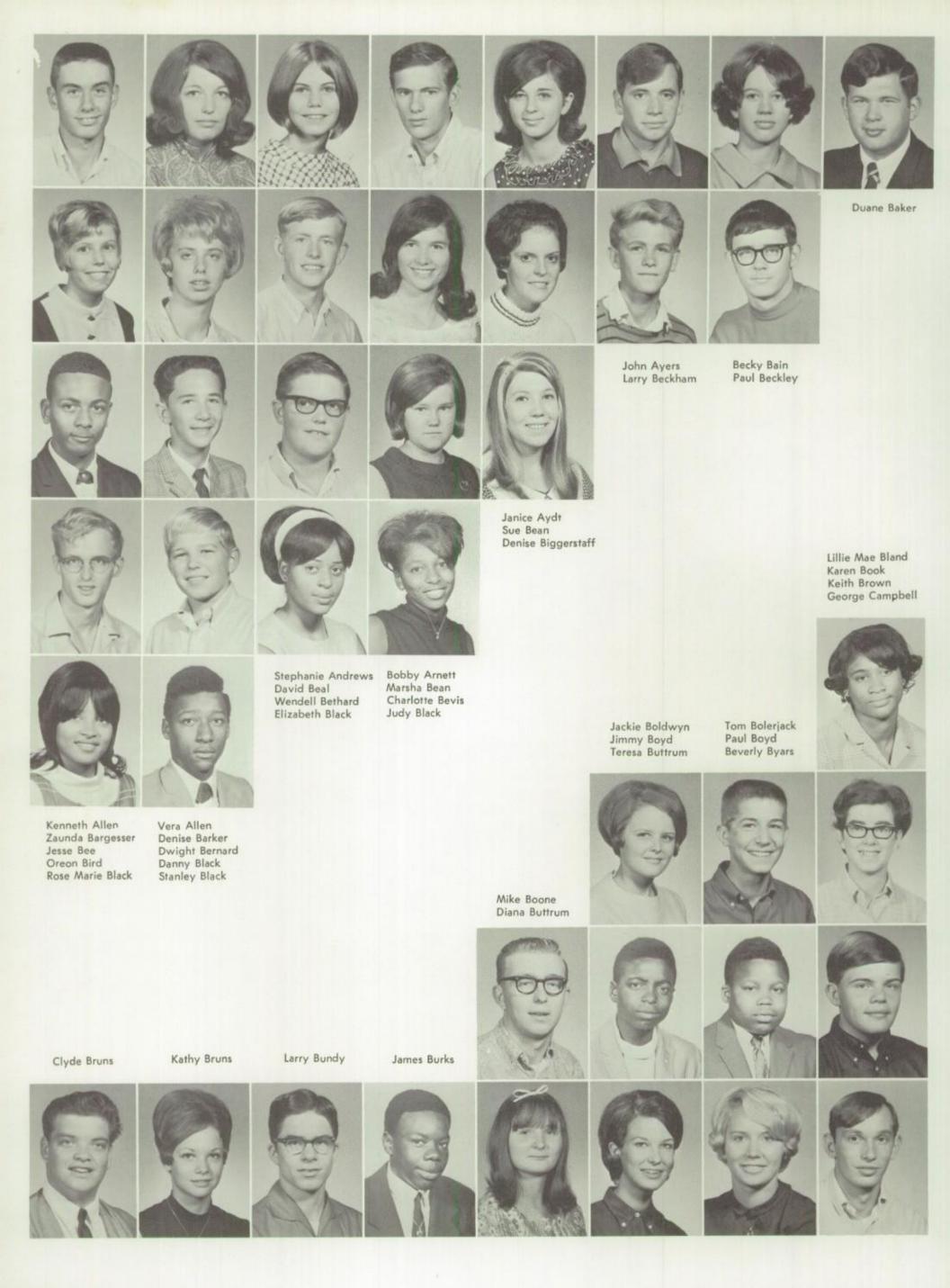
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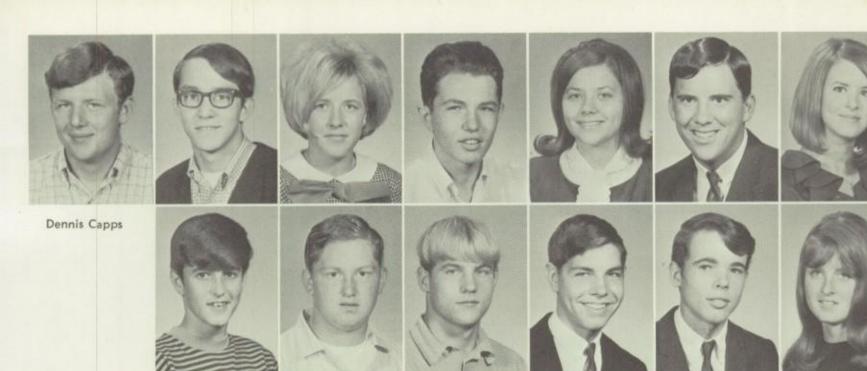


Class Representatives, George Campbell and Jalayne Morrison.



Junior class officers Jackie Kennedy and Diane Edmison work at the concession stand.





Milo Chappell Bobby Cooke

Dorothea Chelf Larry Cooper





Michael Childers Mike Cooper Kenneth Cross







Howard Costley Ken Currell Paul Davis



Jim Clark Mike Cox Gary Davenport Rod Davis

Ken DiPrimo





Becky Coffman Roseanna Crawford Allan Davis Steven Davis Kathy Dickerson



Ruth Anne Cole Sherry Crider Barbara Davis Don DeWitt Kenny Diez



Proving to be some of the enthusiastic supporters of the Rams, members of the Junior class intently watch the cheerleaders at a pep assembly.



Chris Dillion

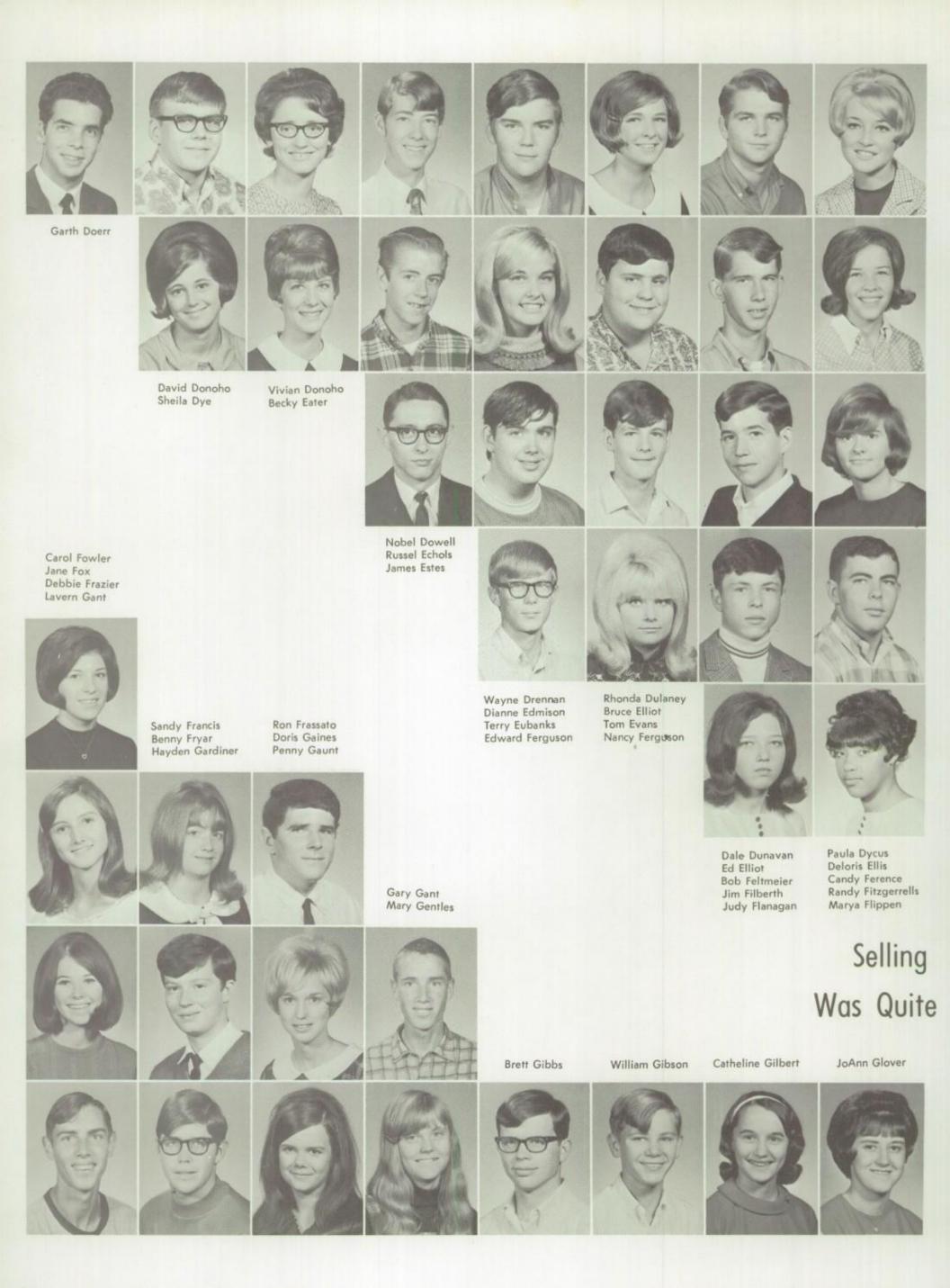


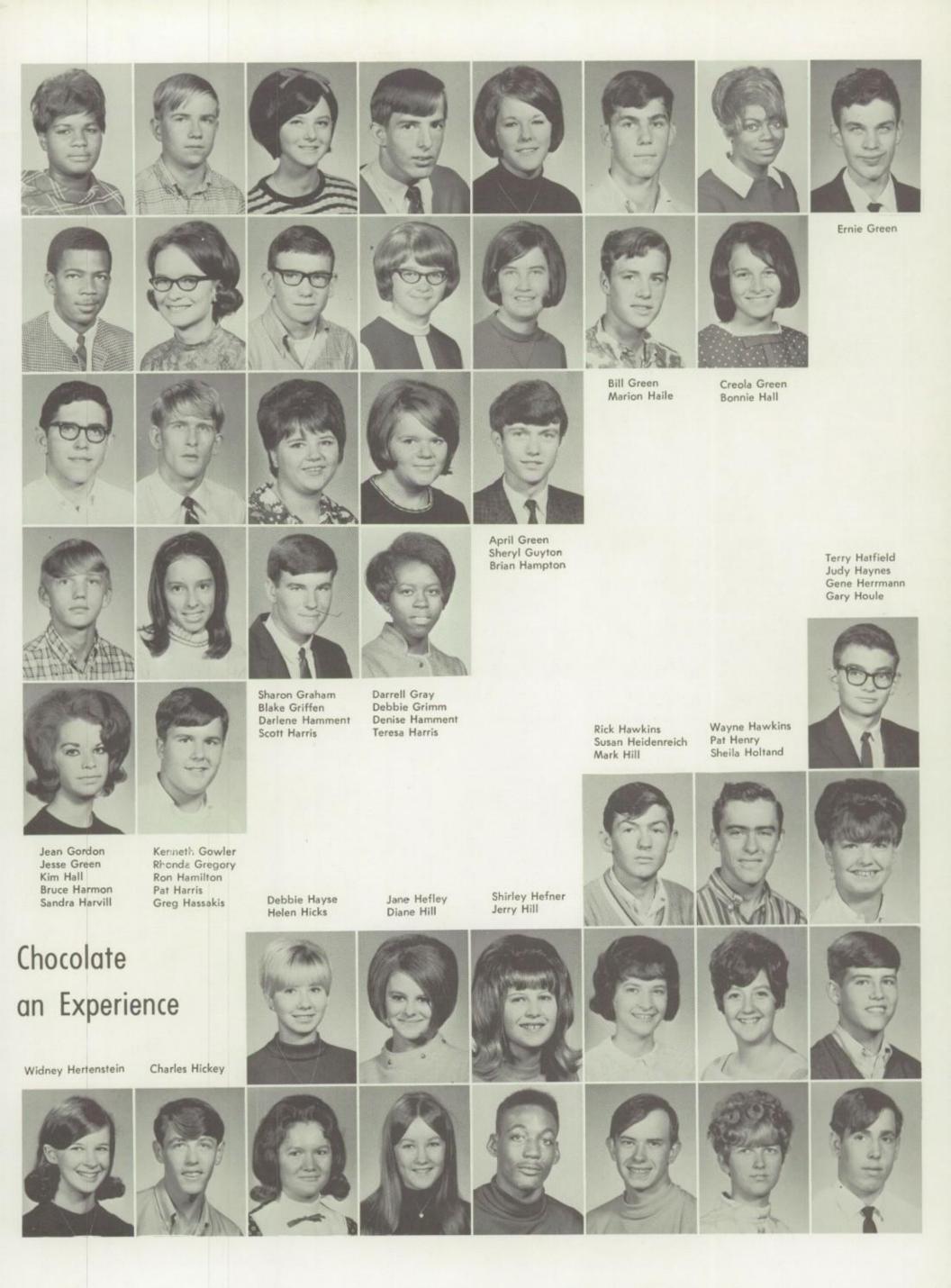


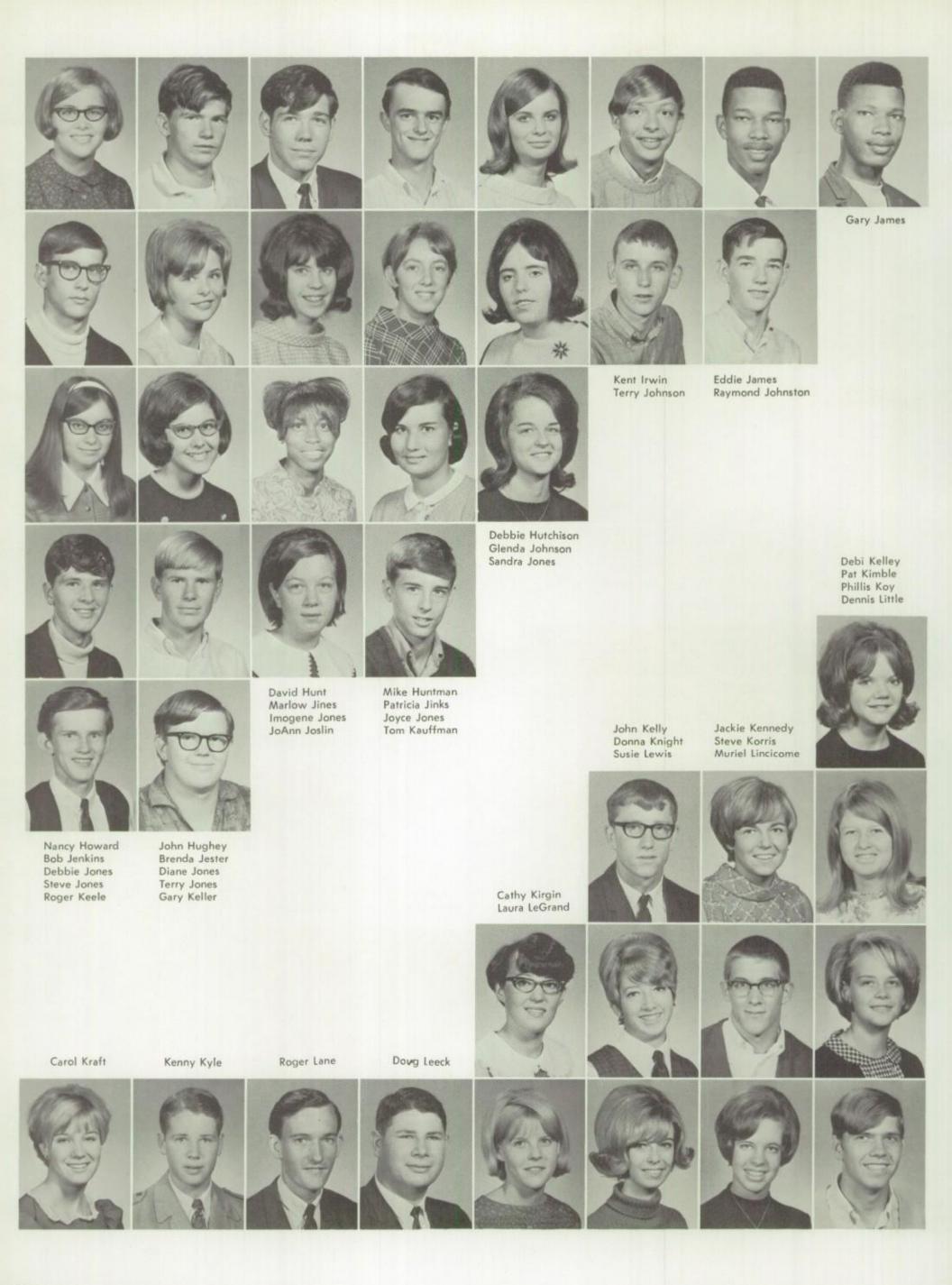


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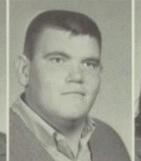






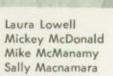
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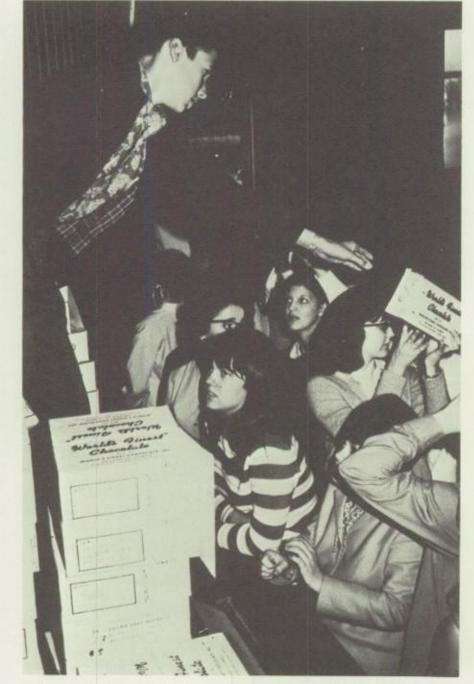
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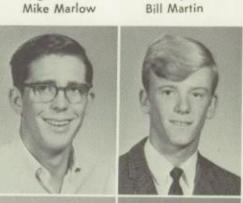
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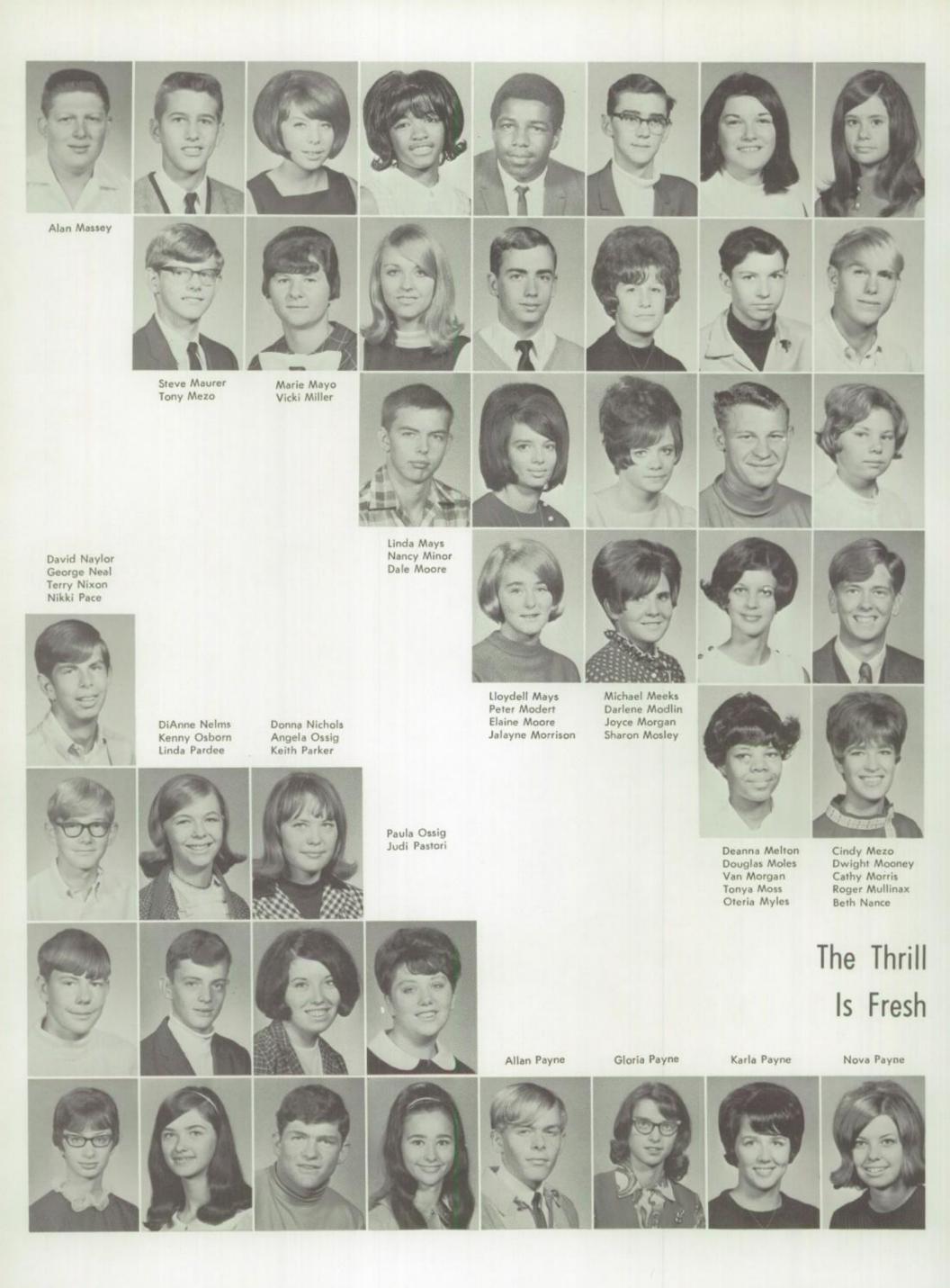
Juniors enthusiastically begin their annual Junior Candy sale in order to raise money for the Junior-Senior Prom.

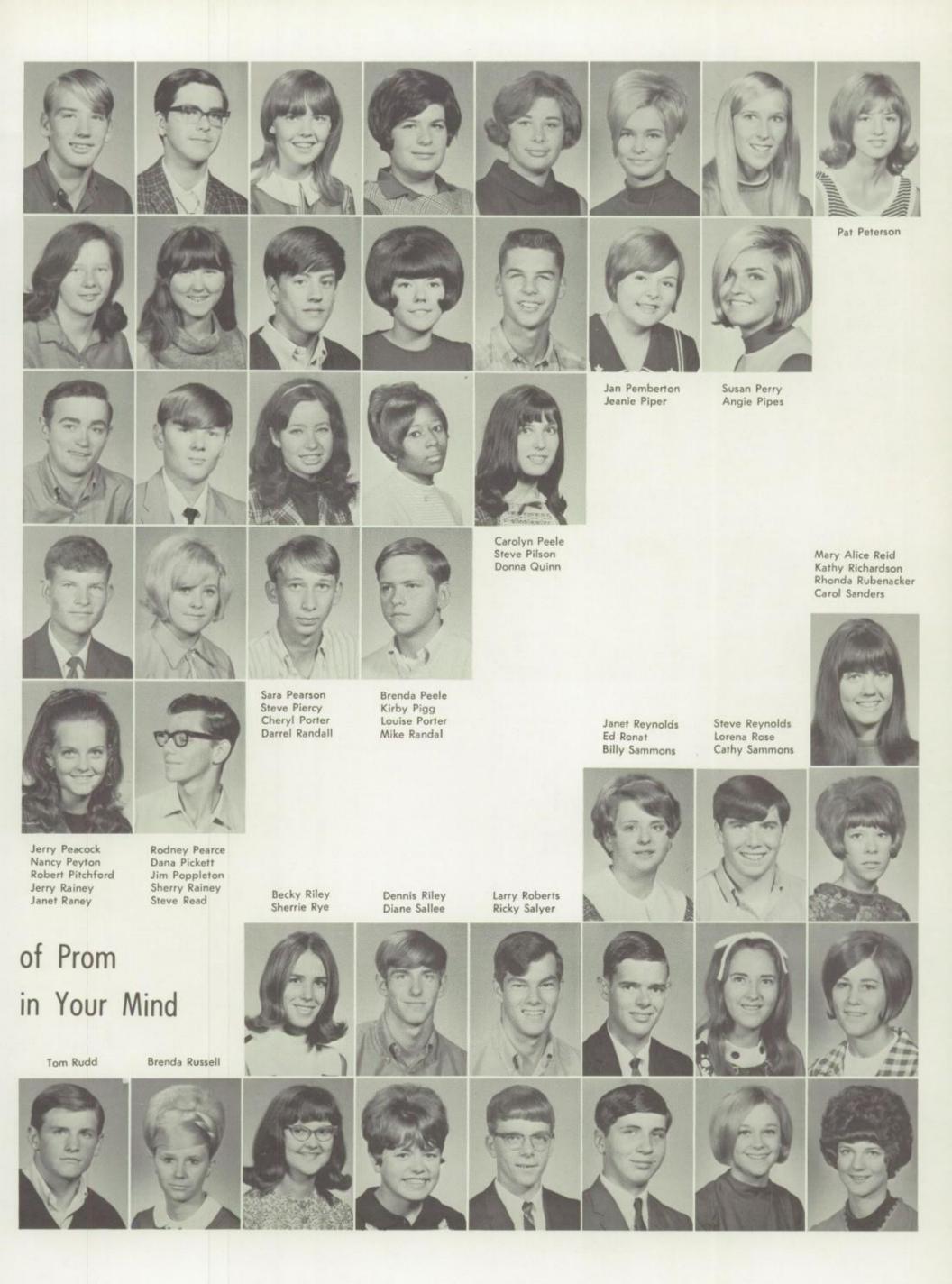


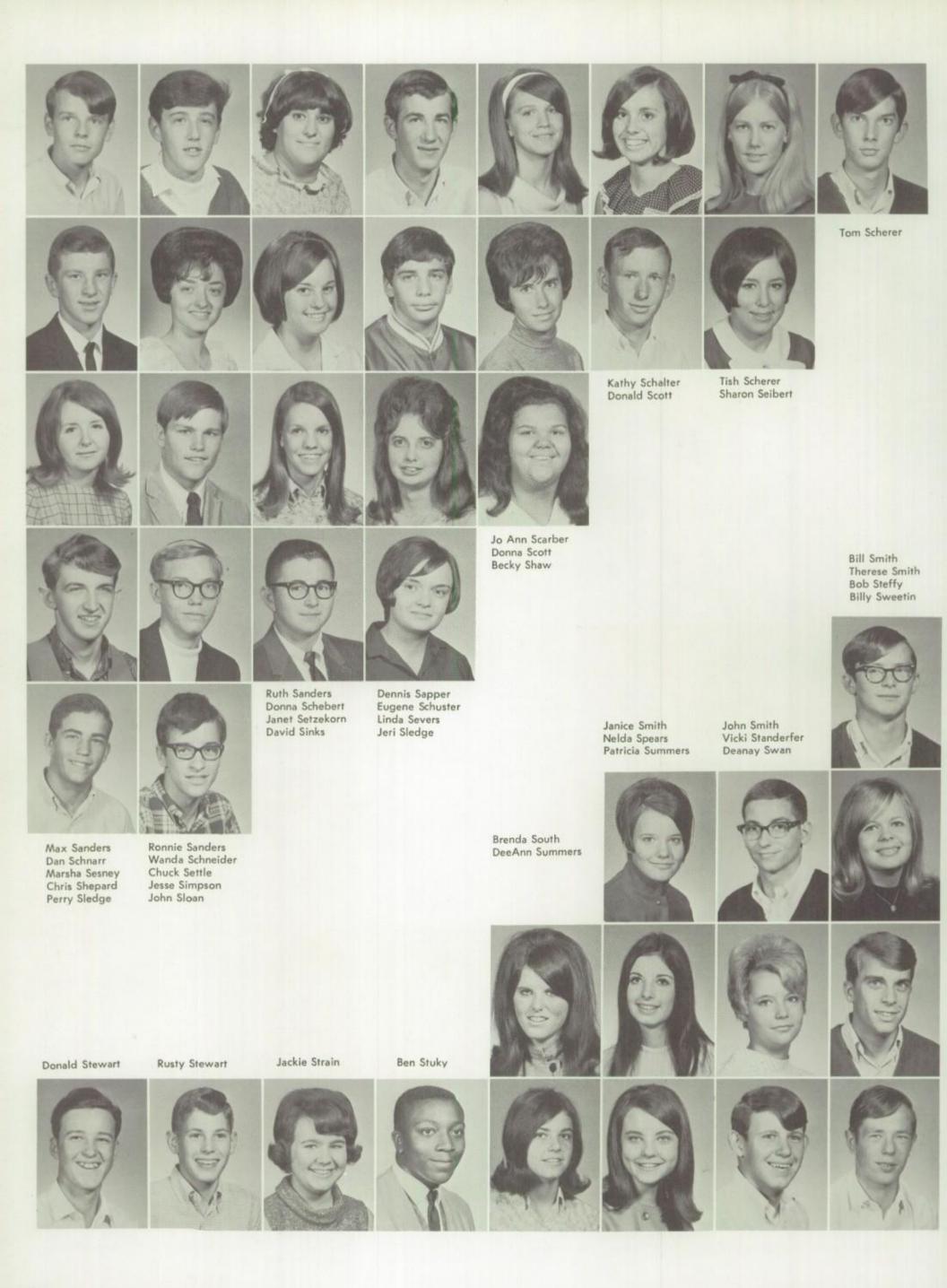














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Bruce Talley Artie Thompson





Marsha Tapp Anita Thornsberry







Steve Tate Carol Thornton Raymond Tucker













Cynthia Taylor Wayne Tisdel Barbara Voyles Gary Wangler









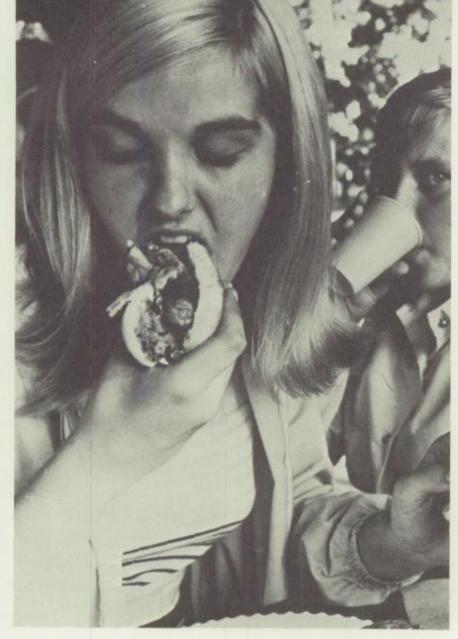




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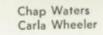
Eddie Taylor Charlie Tucker Janet Waggoner Frances Ward Mike Ward



Junior Diane Edmison indulges willingly in a juicy hotdog at the annual Hi-Tri Big Sister Picnic.









Rick Wells Stephen Wheeler



Terri Wilderman



Patsy Williams



Ginger Willmore



Gary Wilson



Jeanie Wilson



Kathy Wilson



Mike Wilson



Vickie Wilson Harvey Wyrick







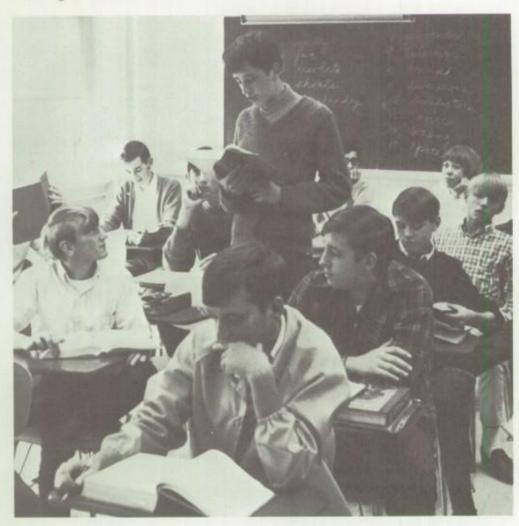




Nancy Wolfe Ted Ziarnek



These student council members and class officers offered service with a smile to all upperclassmen attending the Junior-Senior Prom.



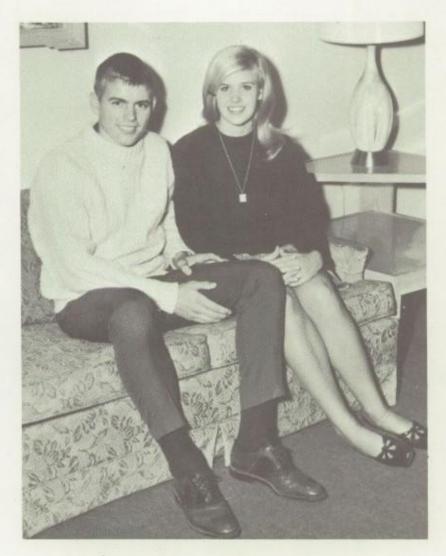
Ronnie Sanders reads about our American authors of past and present in one of Mrs. Logan's English classes.

## Sophomore Officers Plan Successful Party



Class representatives, Tim Epperson and Vicki Webb.

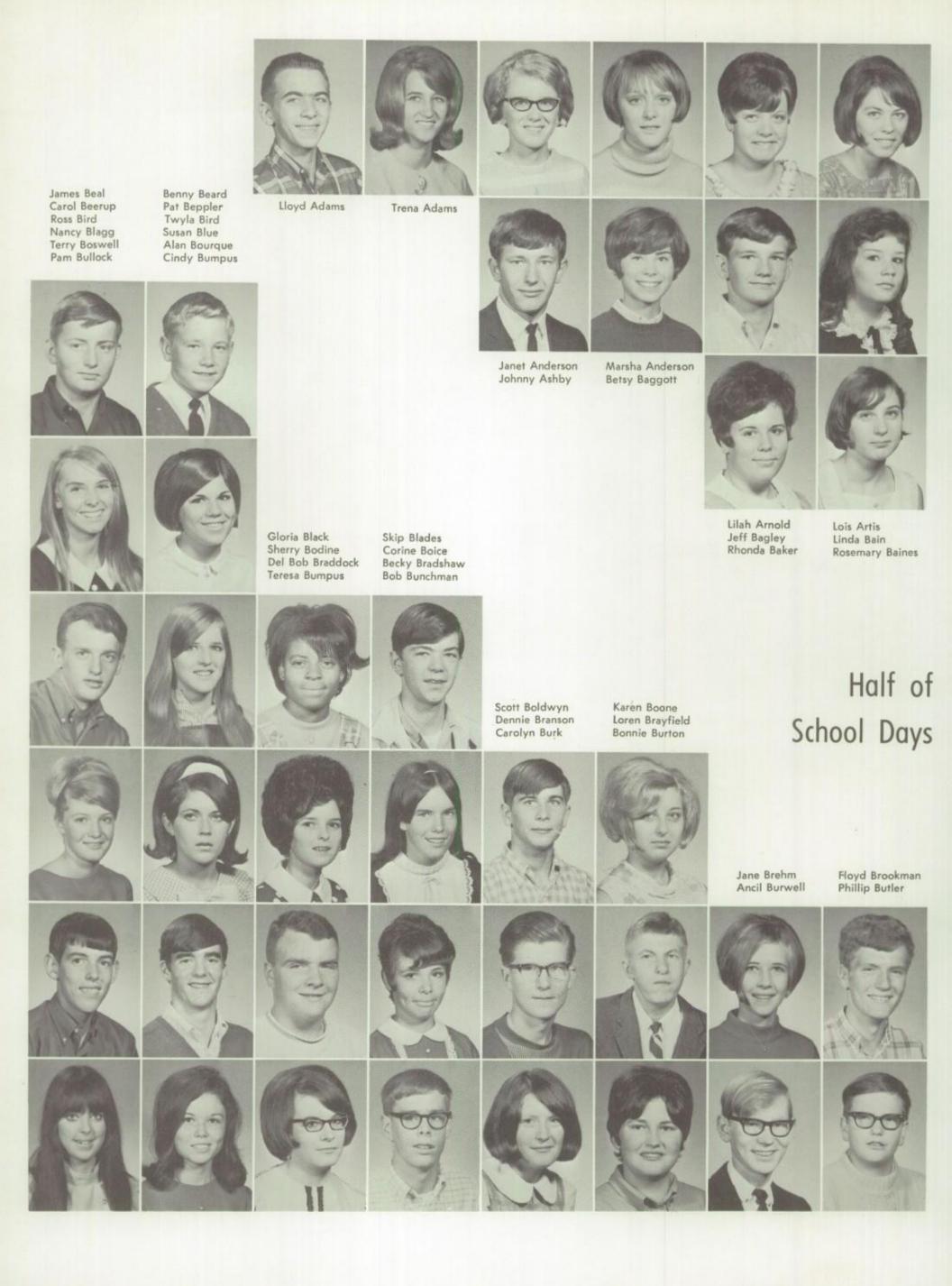
Sophomore representatives to the Student Council this year were David Dude, president; Terri Michel, vice-president; John Stonecipher, secretary; Mary Estes, treasurer; Vicki Webb and Tim Epperson, council representatives. In addition to serving at Prom, they were also responsible for planning the sophomore class party.

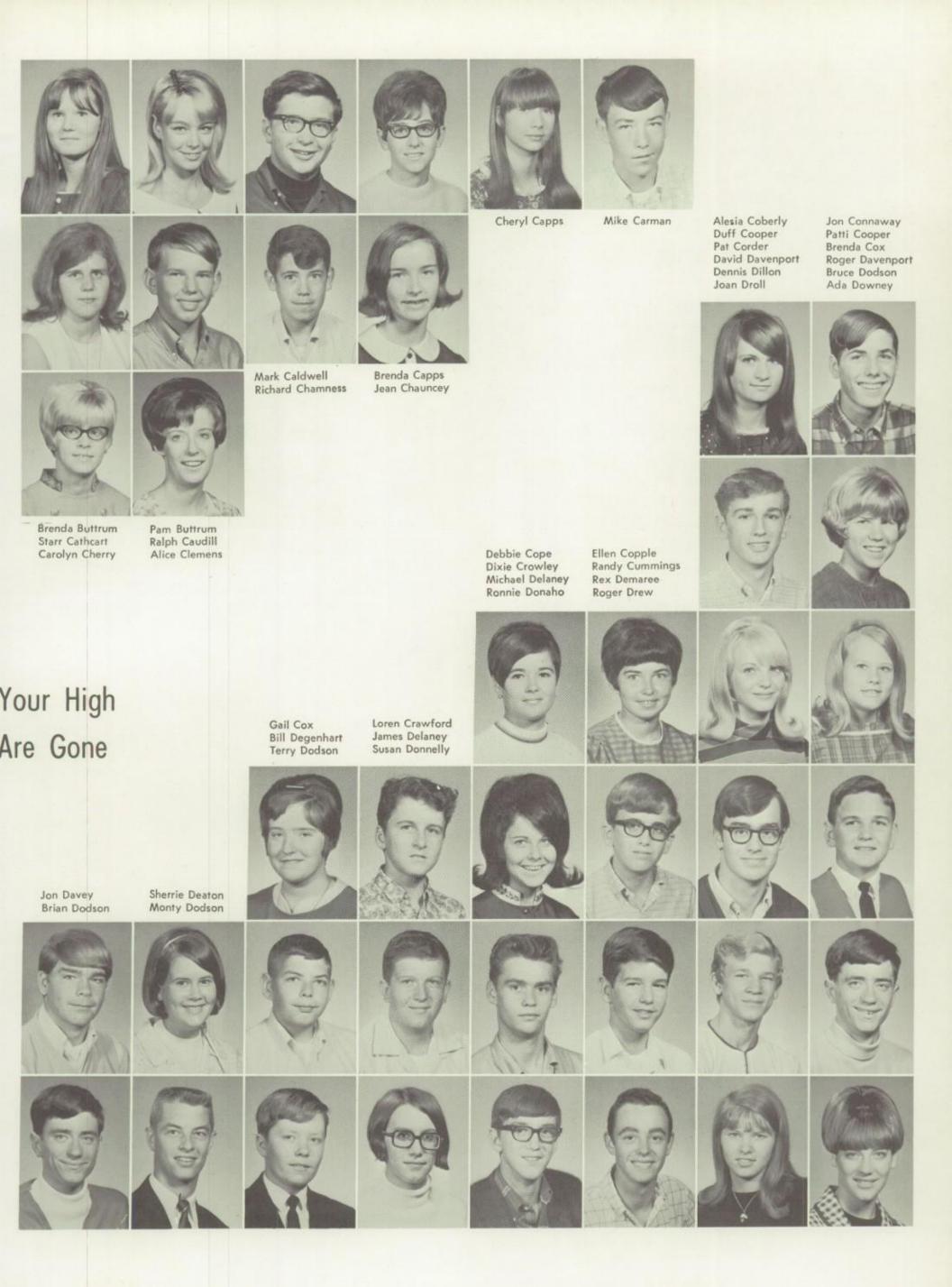


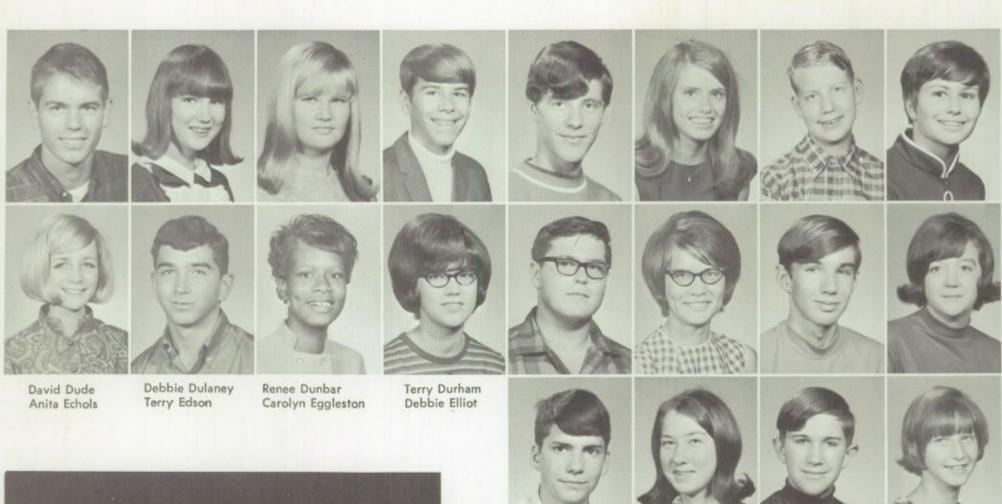
President David Dude and Vice-President Terri Michel.

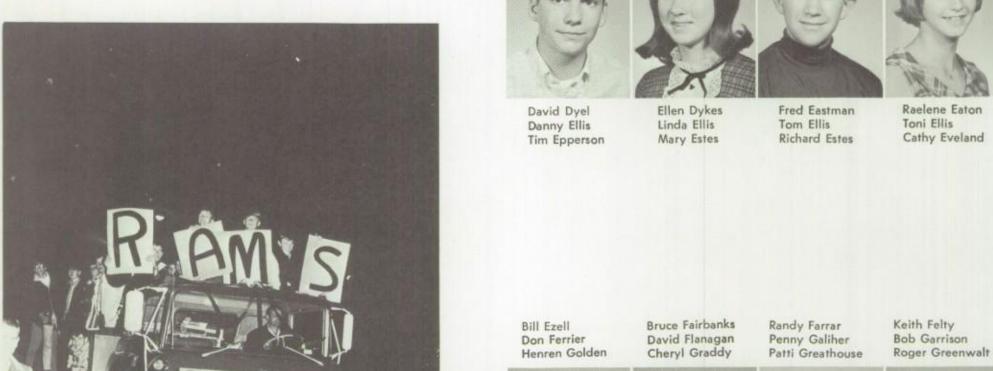


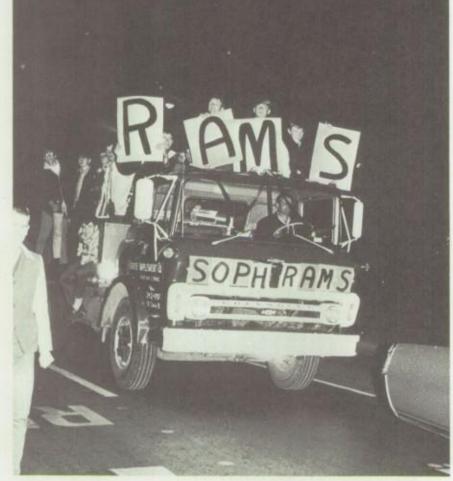
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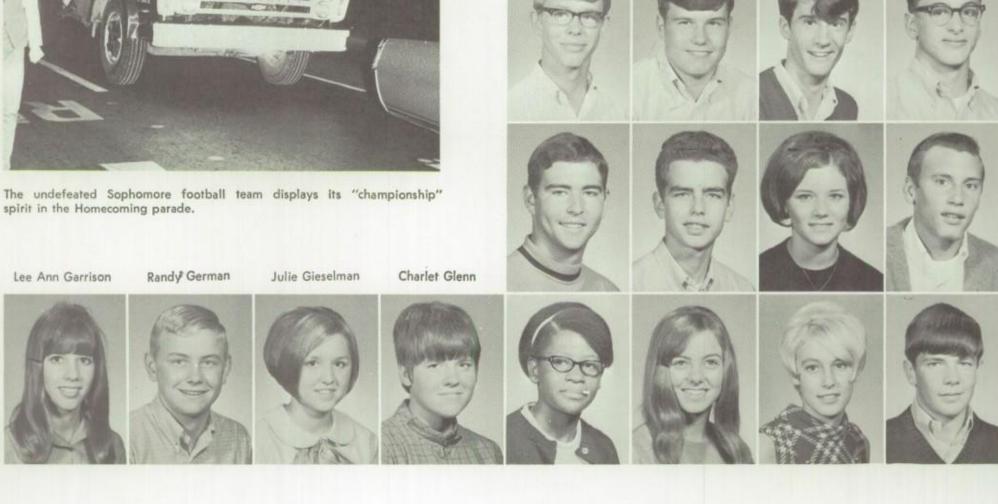


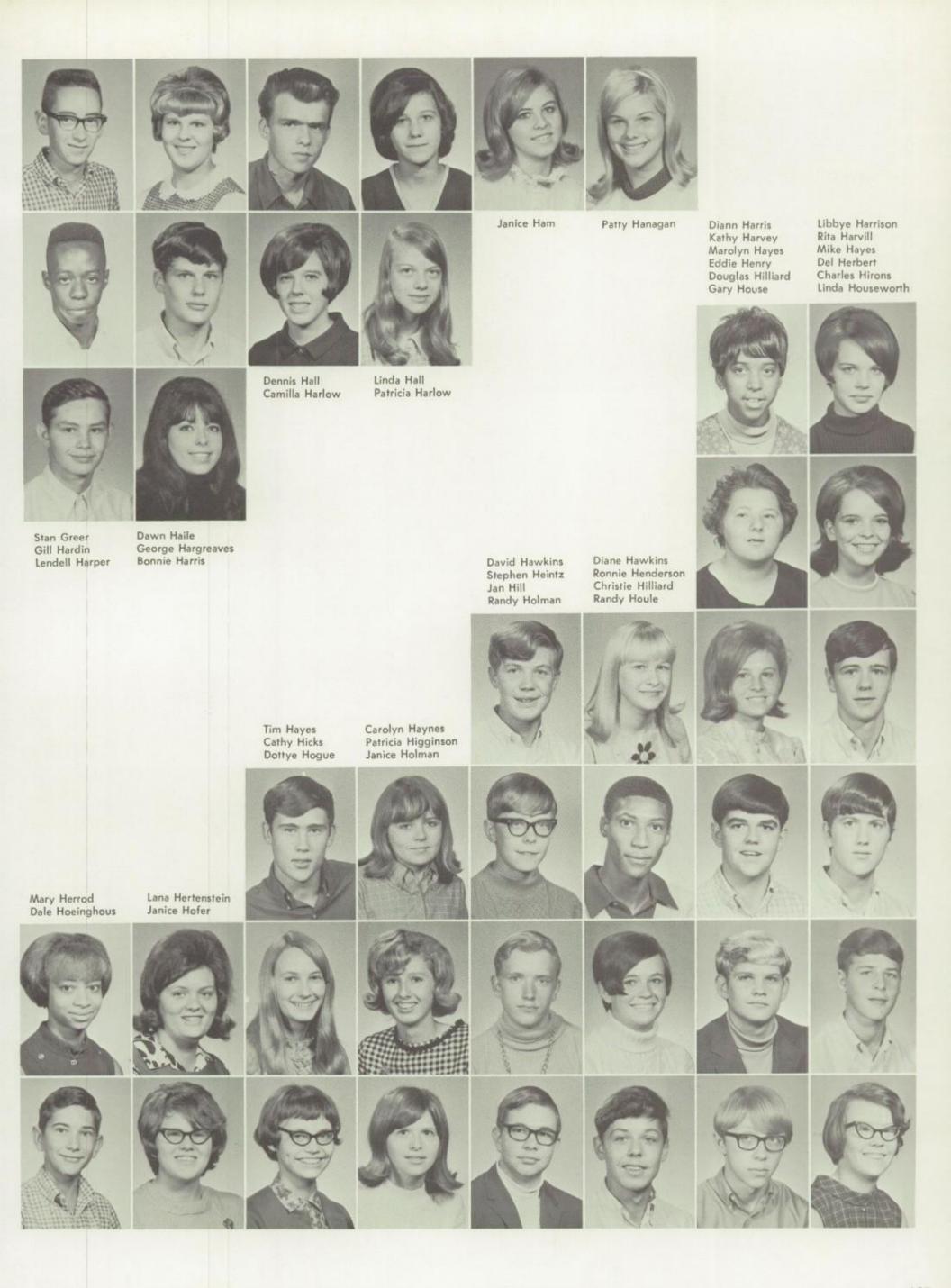






spirit in the Homecoming parade.





Hattie Jackson William Jackson Charles Irvin Carlene Howell Mary Ann Hoyt Larry Jackson Carol Jacobsen Diane Jenkins Henry Johnson Michael Johnson Sharon Jones Jerenda Joy Dwight Kiefer Donna Kimmel Tommy Hudson Tom Hughey Cheryl Huston Debbie Huston Evajo Hunt Dick Hutchison Brenda Hunt Richard Jenkins Joyce Jinks Nell Huston Nancy Johnson Rhonda Joy Sandra Johnson Charles Ilbery George Ilbery James Justice Suzetta Kmucha Terald Kniffen The Sophomore Charles Jones Christopher Jones Evening Danny Keip Patty Kell Nancy Krueger David Laird Larry Kennedy Pam Kent Lisa Lambert Sharon Lance

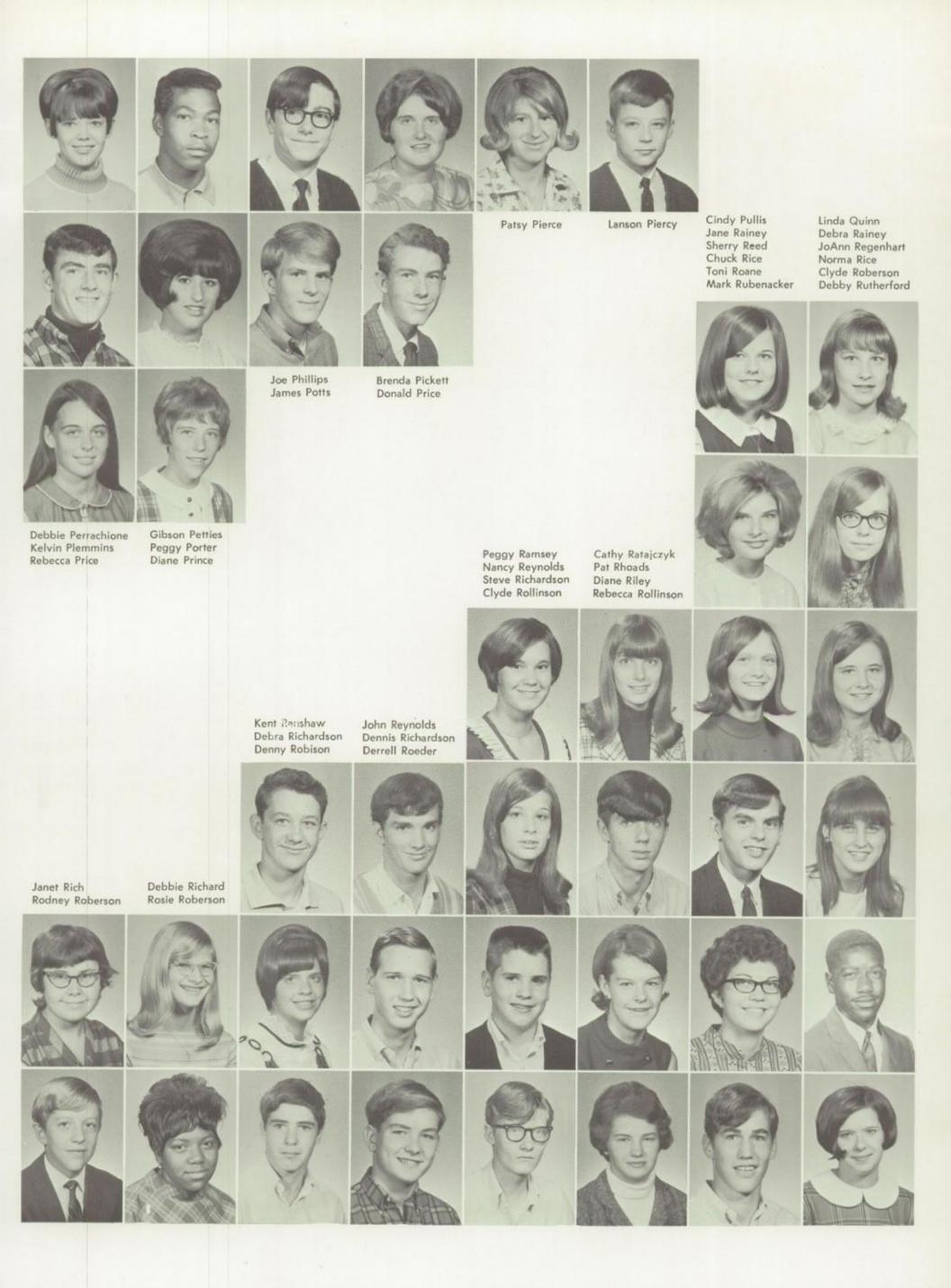




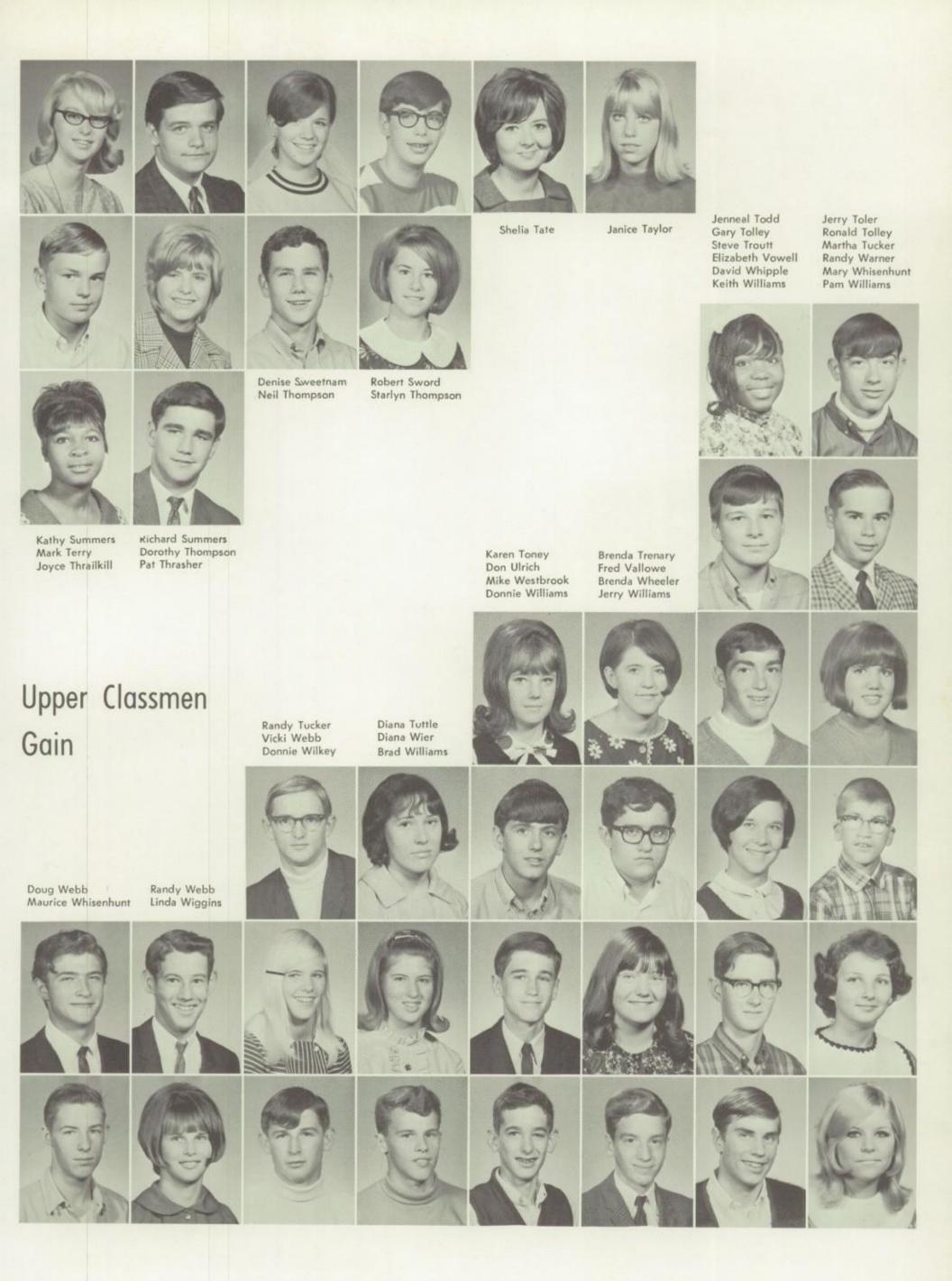
after the Rams defeated the Fairfield Mules.

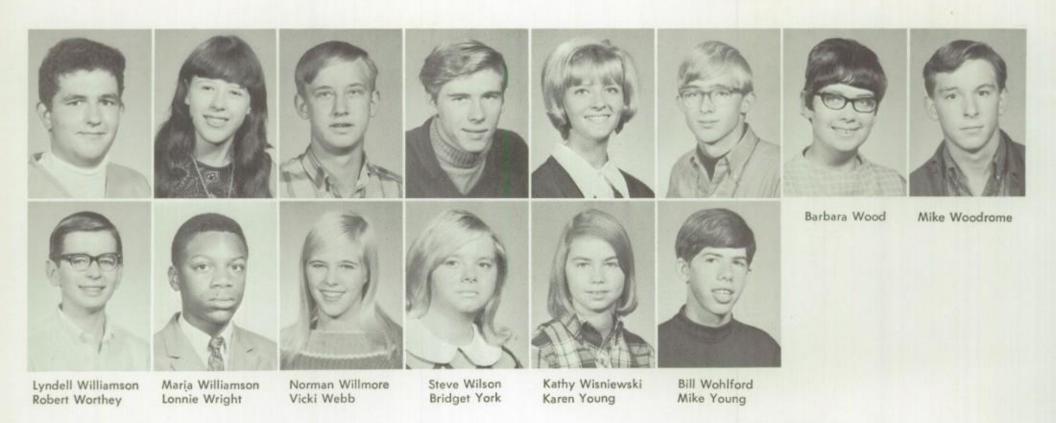
Sophomore president David Dude proudly displays the Spirit Stick





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Sophomores in Mr. Hindman's sixth hour English class experience the fun of learning as well as the seriousness.

Sophomores learn to appreciate nature and its works in Mr. Colp's Consumer Science classes.



President Larry James and Vice-President Nancy Hayman.

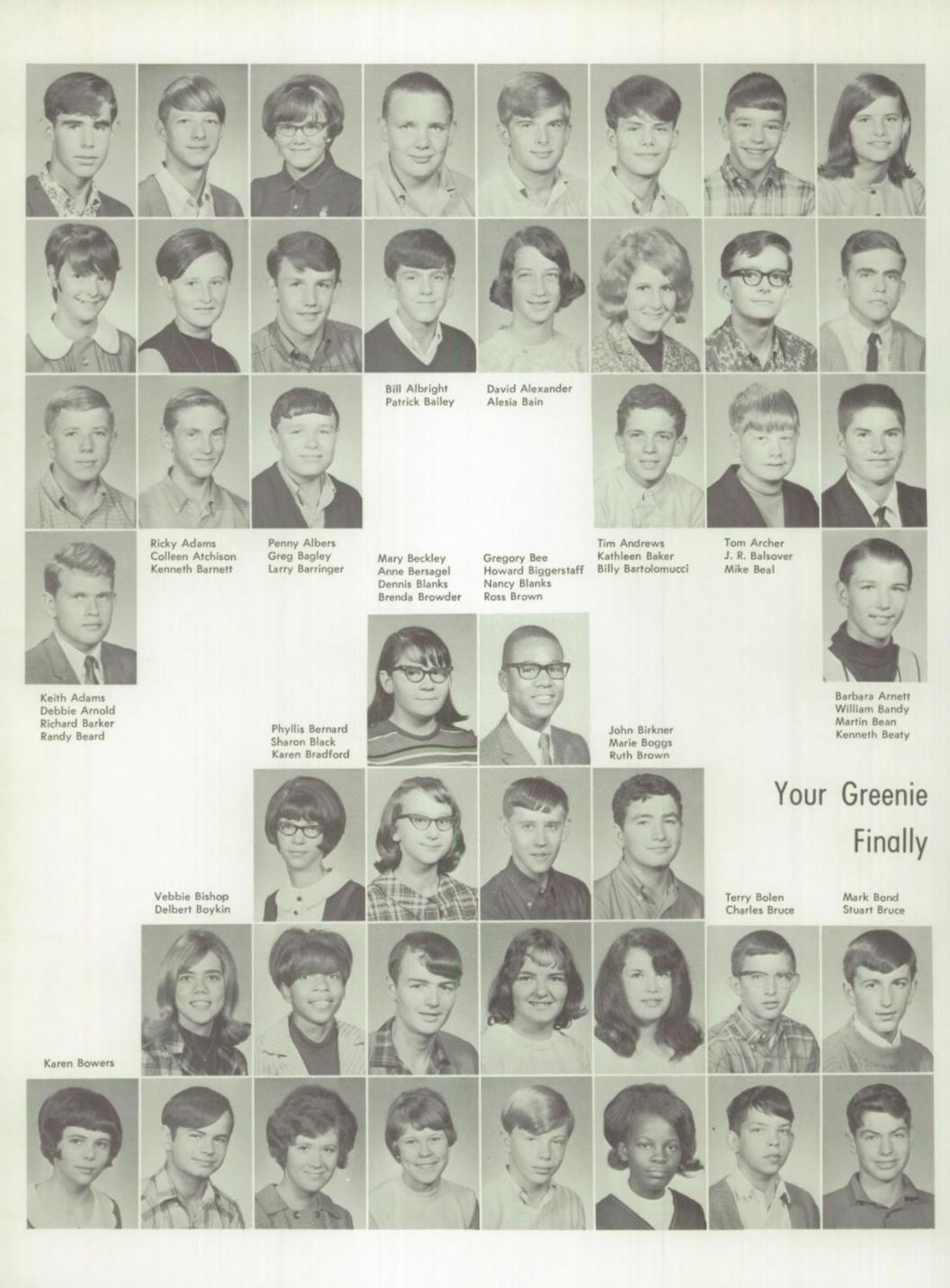
Class Representatives Debbie Edmison and Allan Hawkins.

# Freshman Officers Gain Rewarding Experience

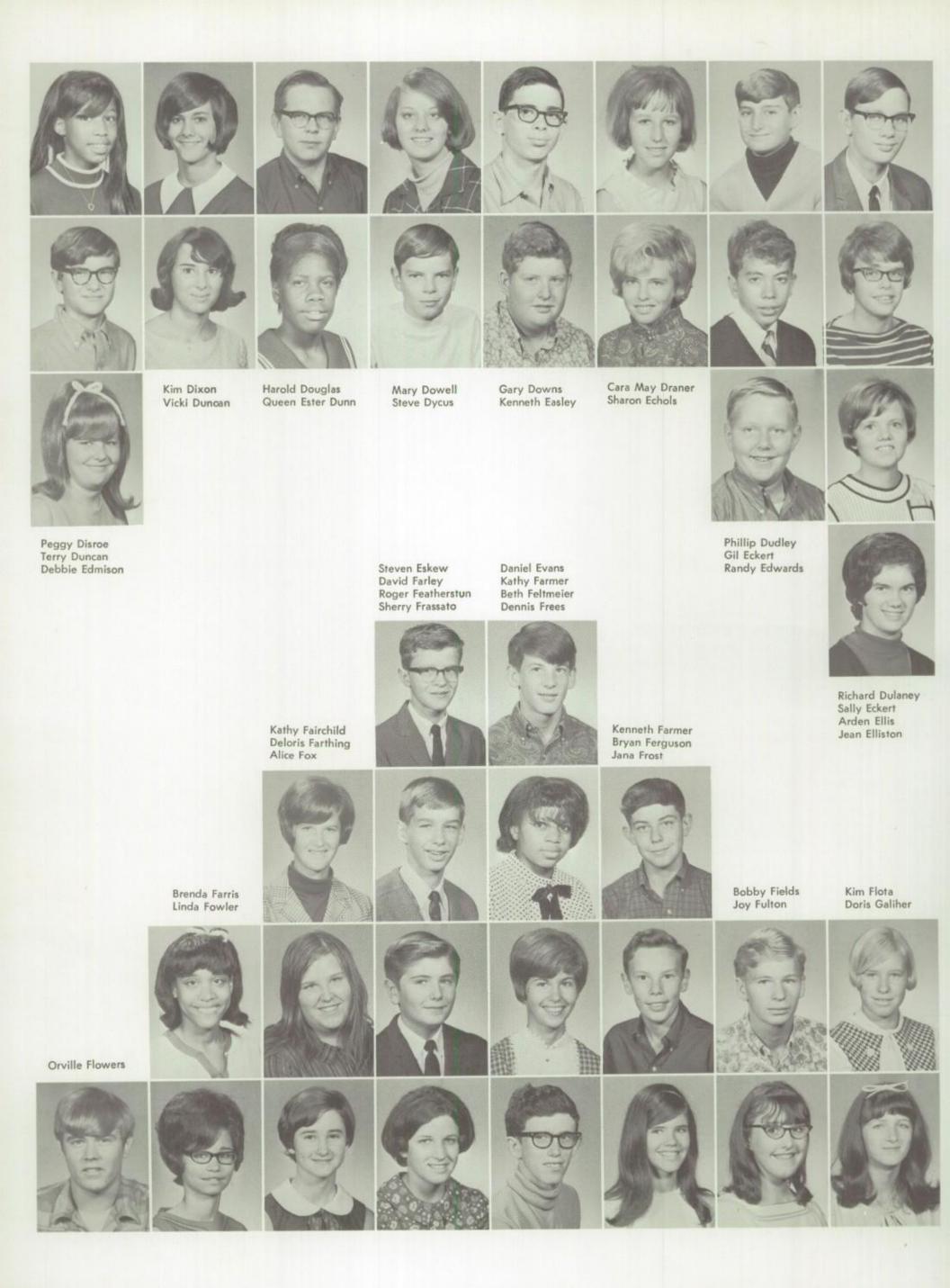
In their initial year of Student Council service were freshman class officers Larry James, president; Nancy Hayman, vice-president; Vebbie Bishop, treasurer; Richard Ritchey, secretary; and Debbie Edmison and Allan Hawkins, representatives. These students were responsible for planning the freshman class party, held early in the year to help "greenie" students get acquainted.

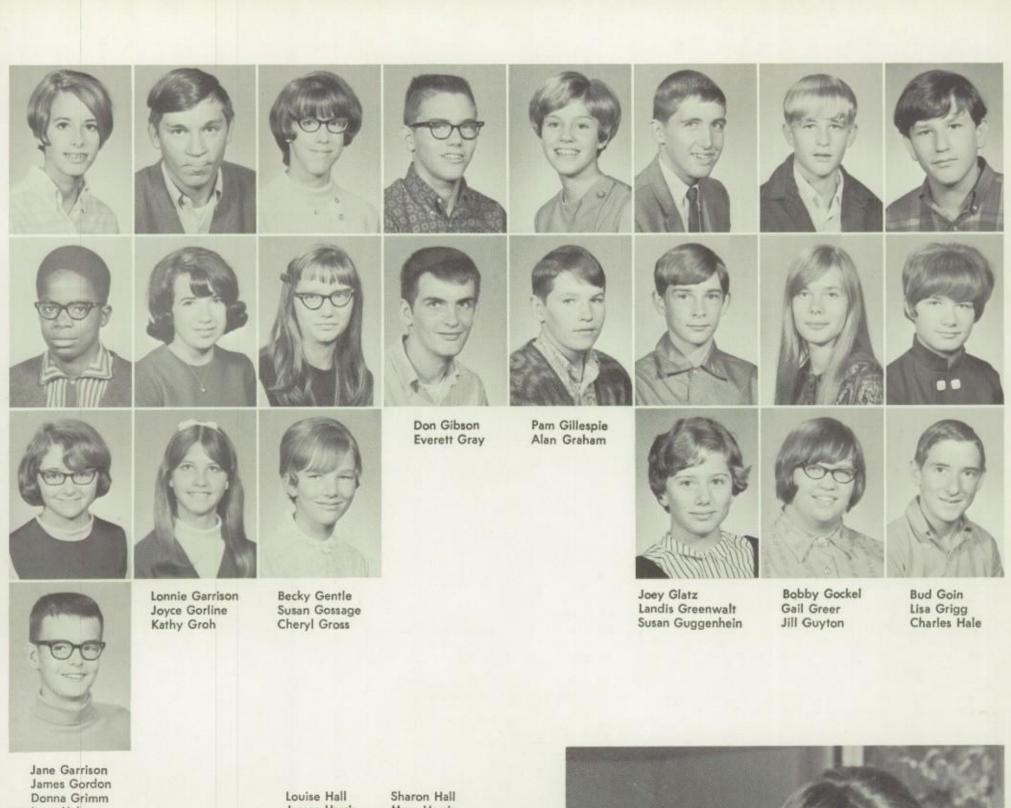


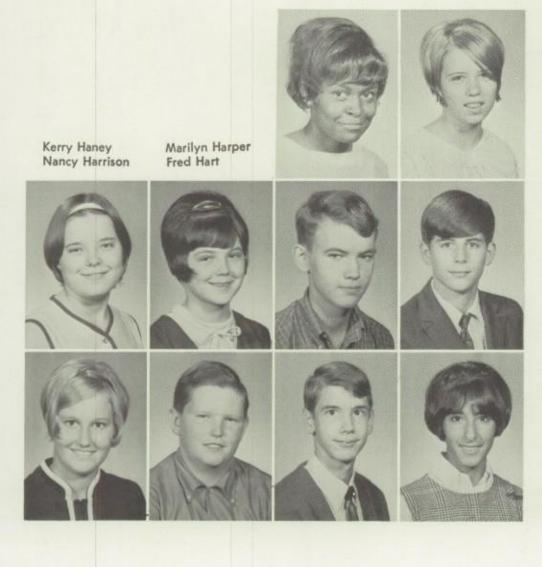
Secretary Richard Ritchey and Treasurer Vebbie Bishop.











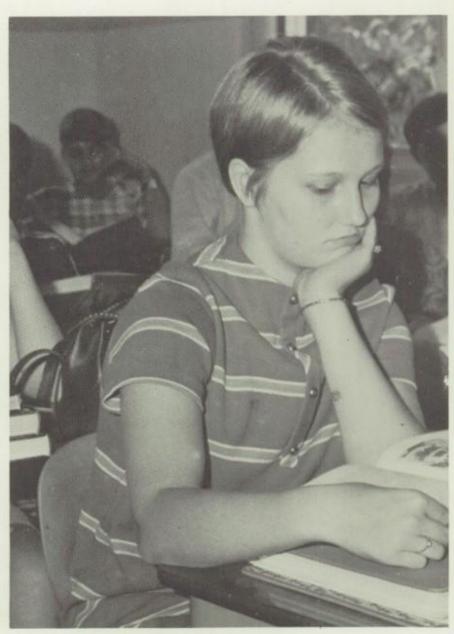
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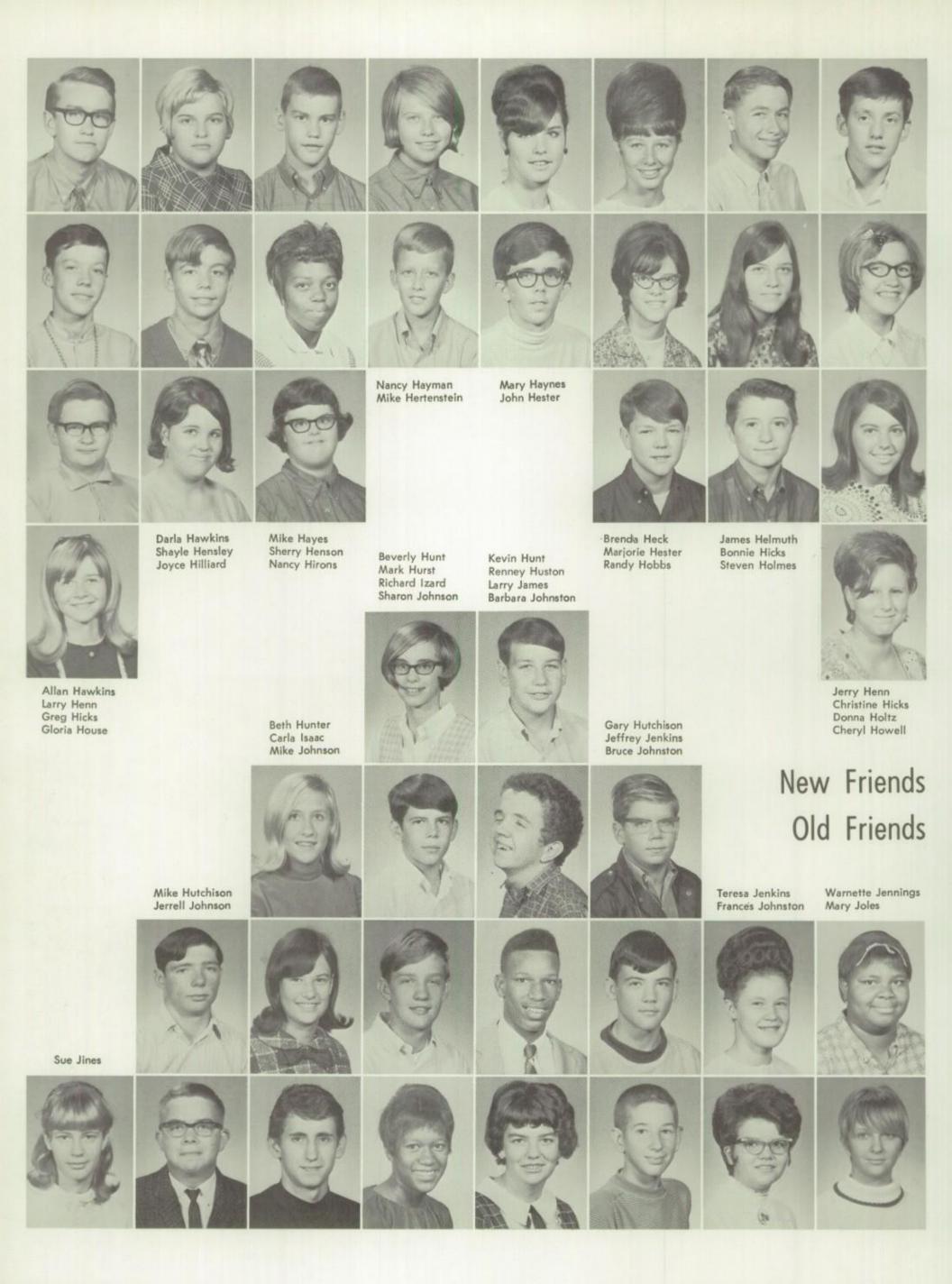
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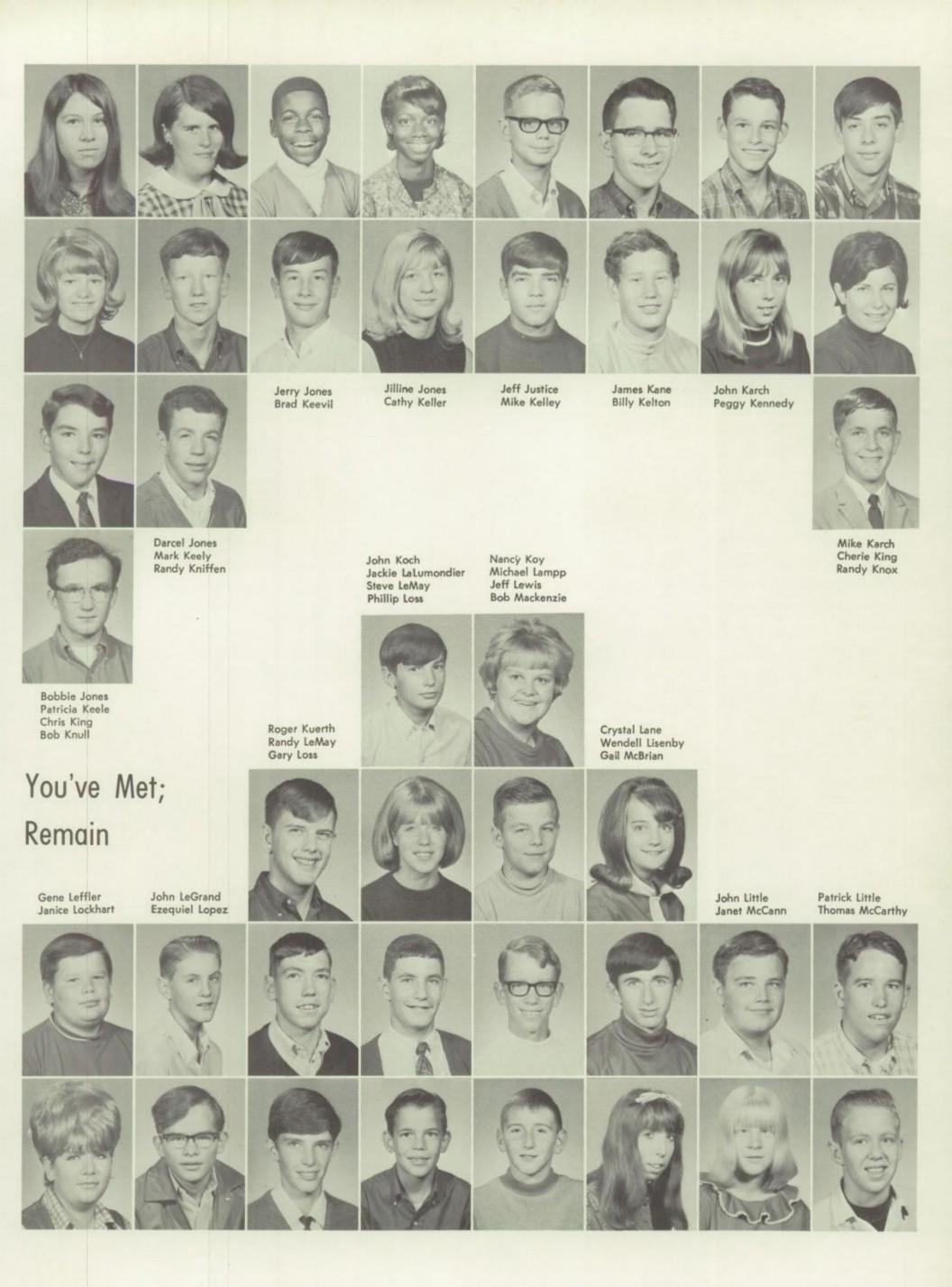
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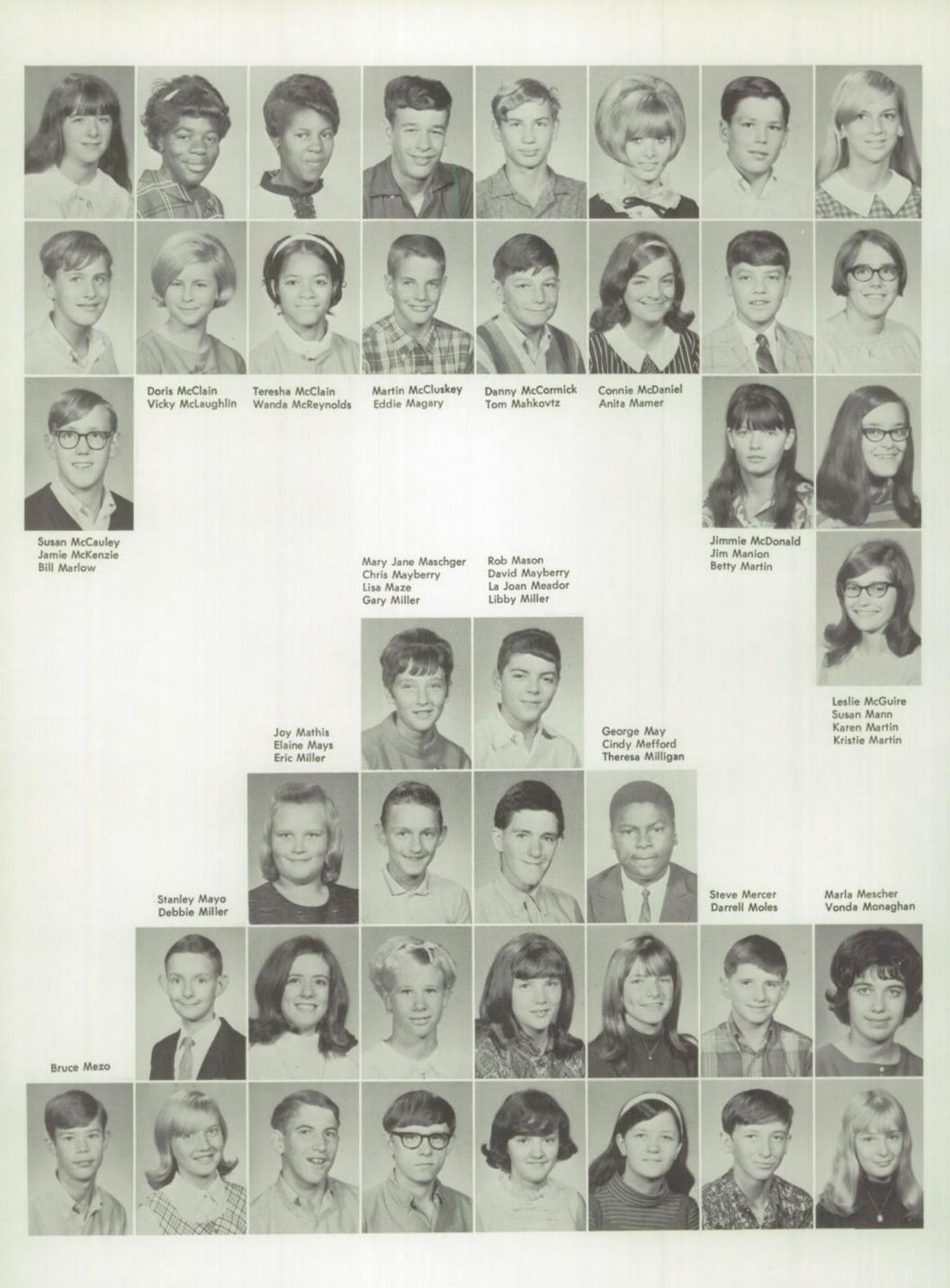
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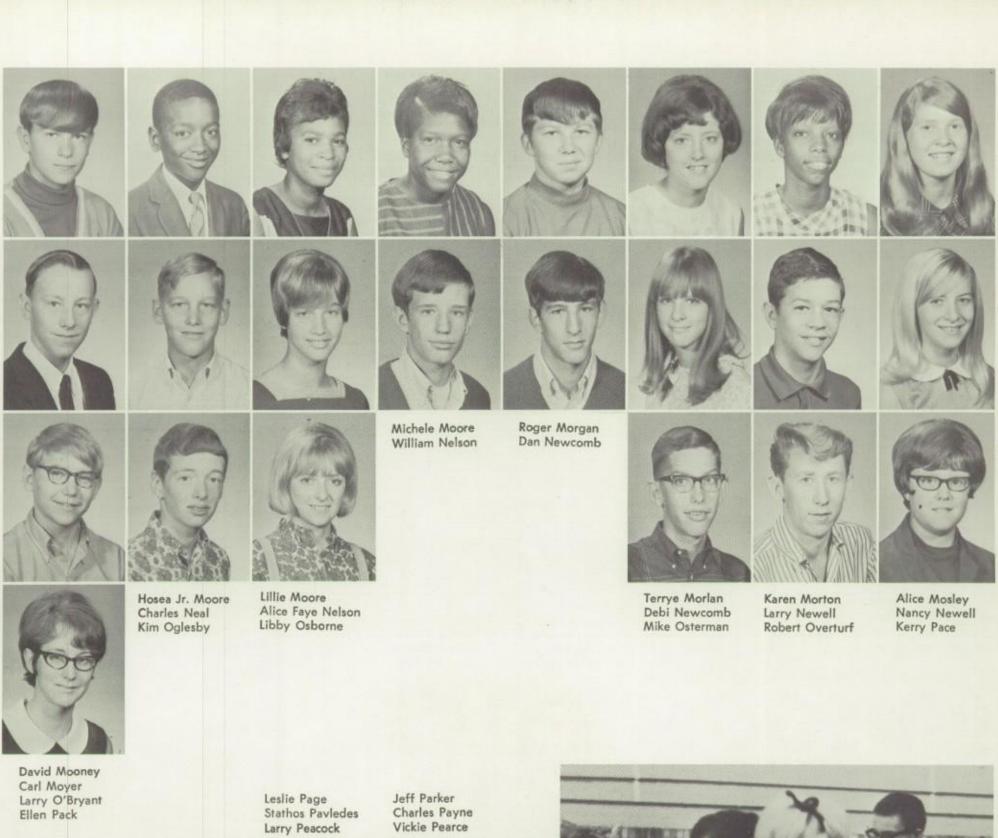


Freshmen begin to learn the value and necessity of studying in Mrs. Beckmeyer's sixth hour English class.

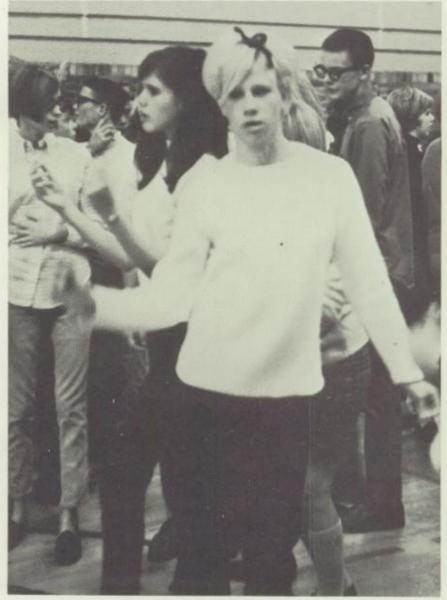








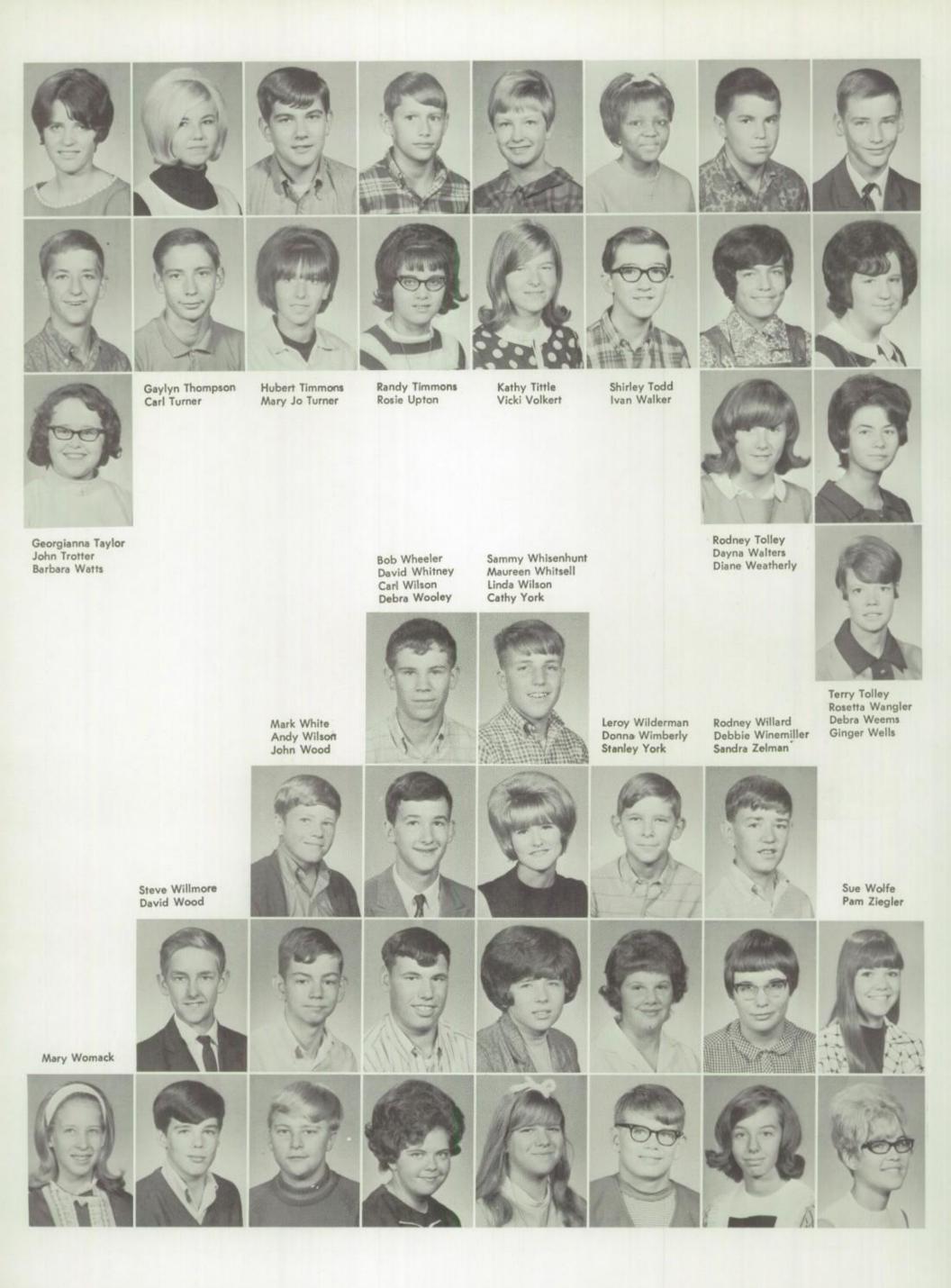




All freshmen attending the Freshman Party spent a fun evening of games, eating, dancing and getting acquainted.



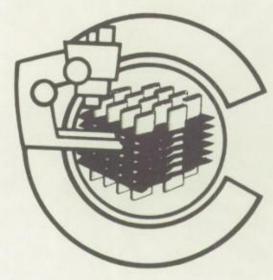




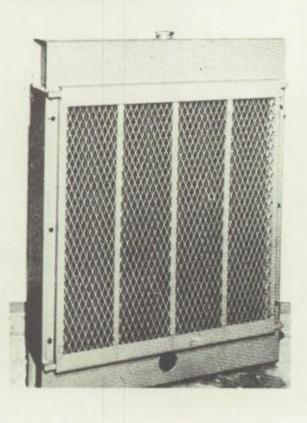
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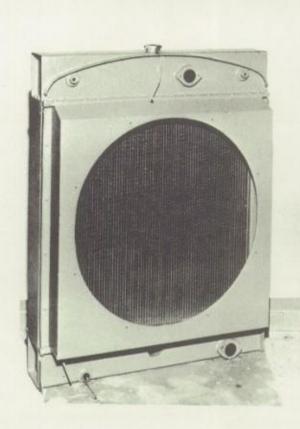
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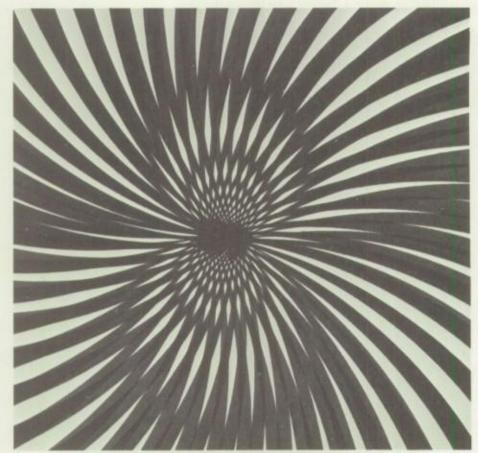






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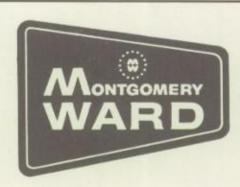
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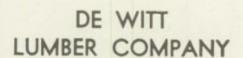
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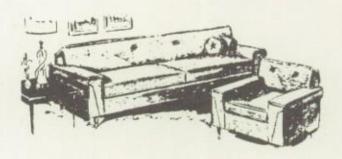
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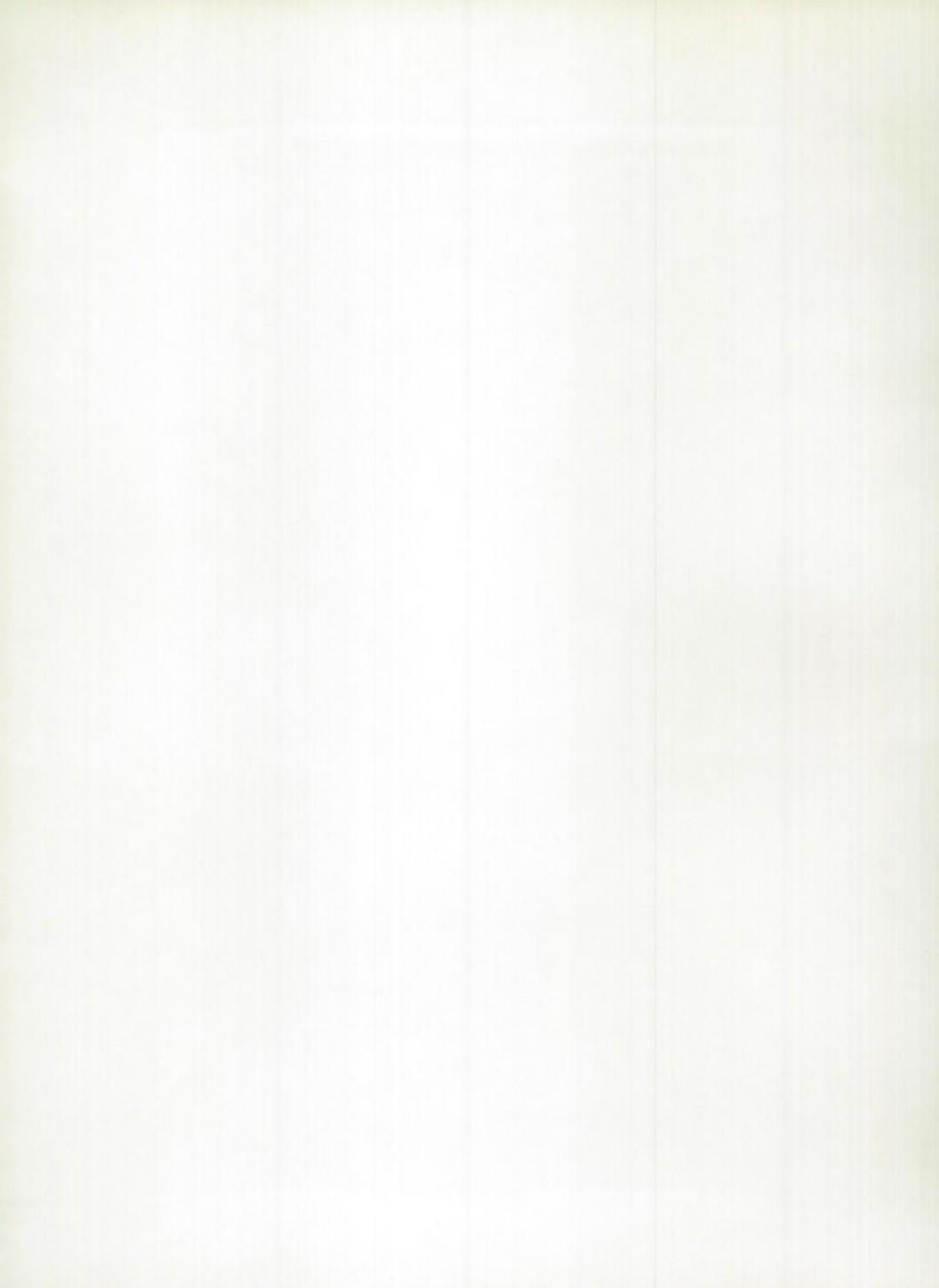
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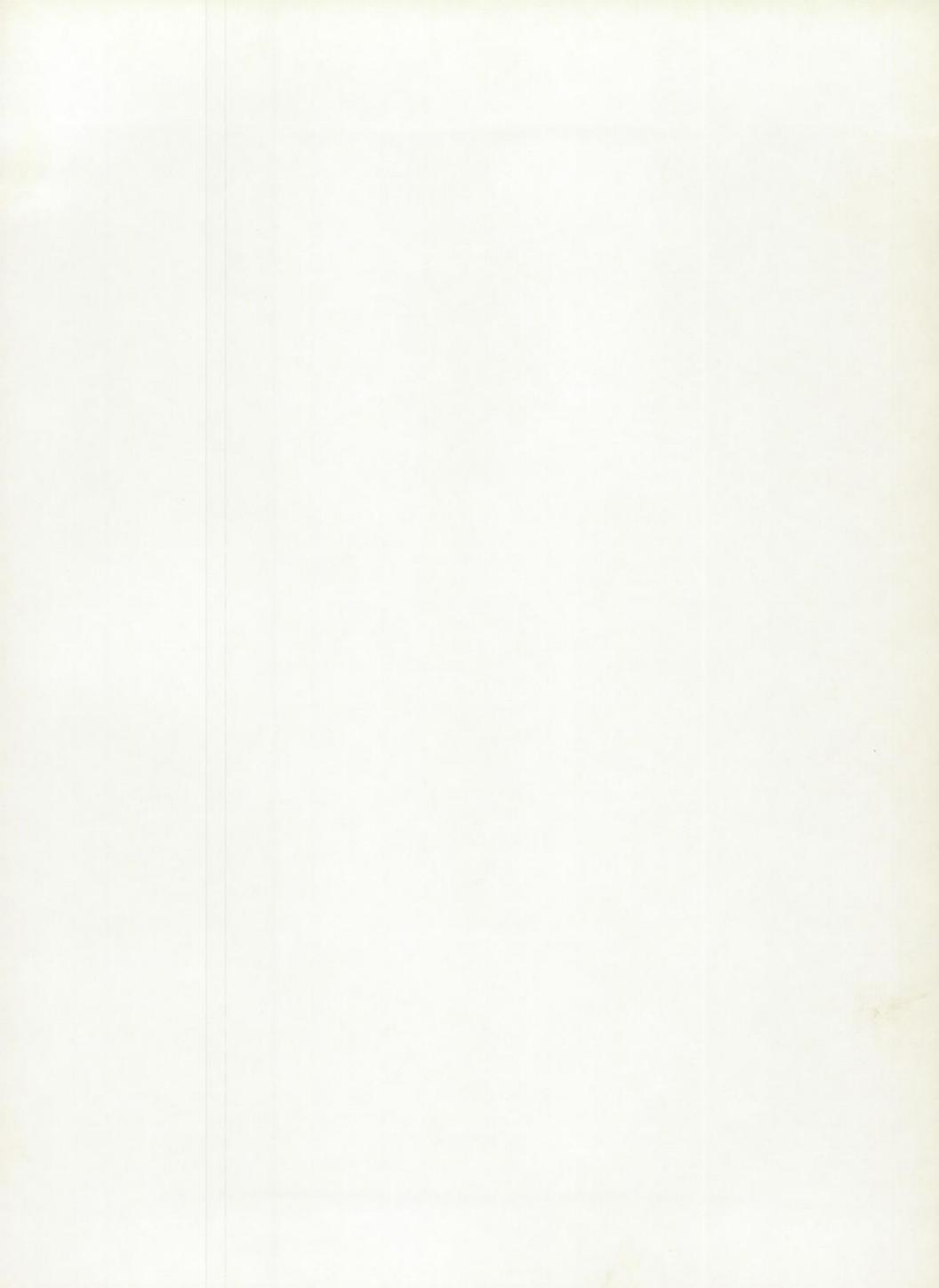
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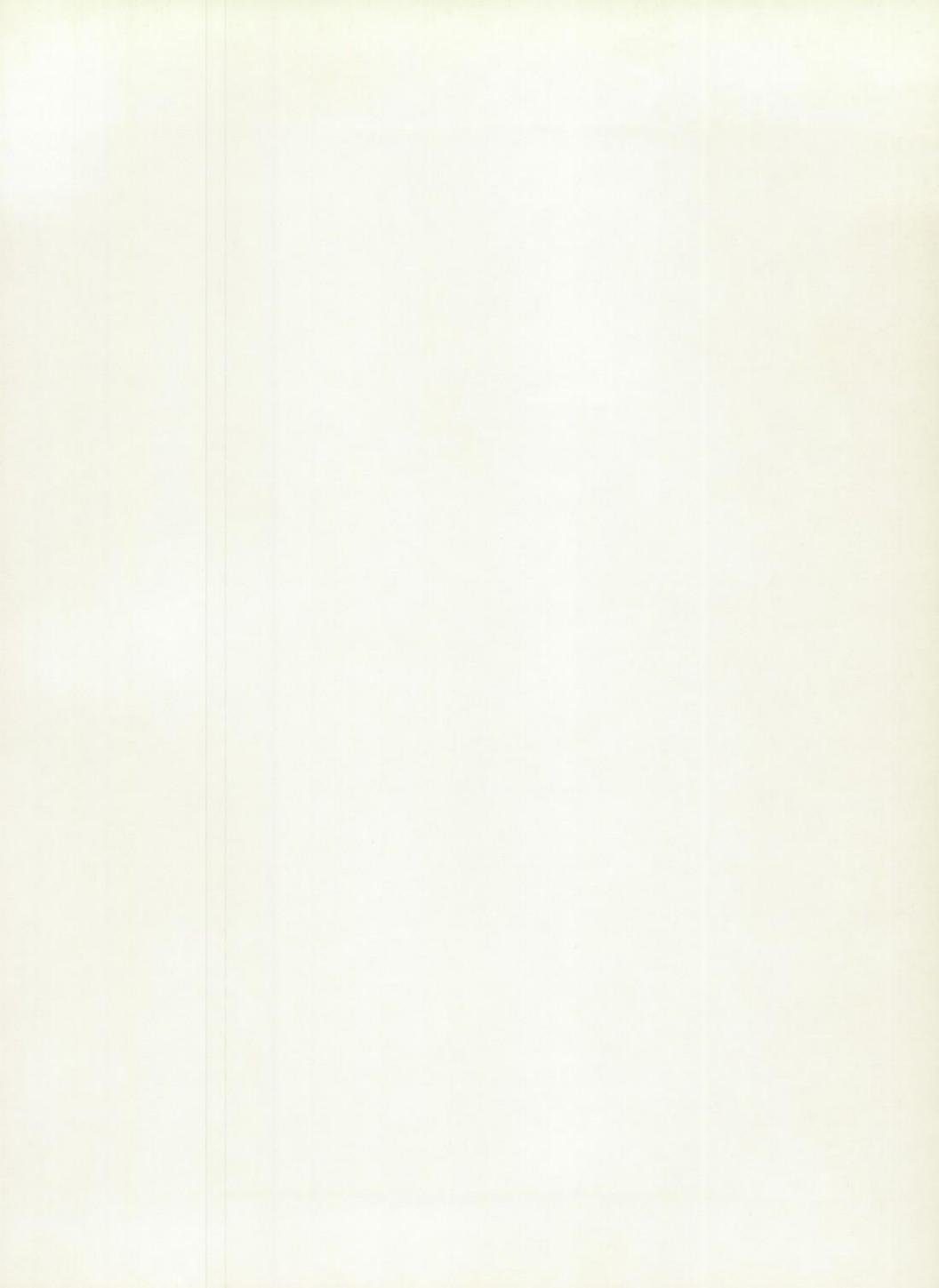
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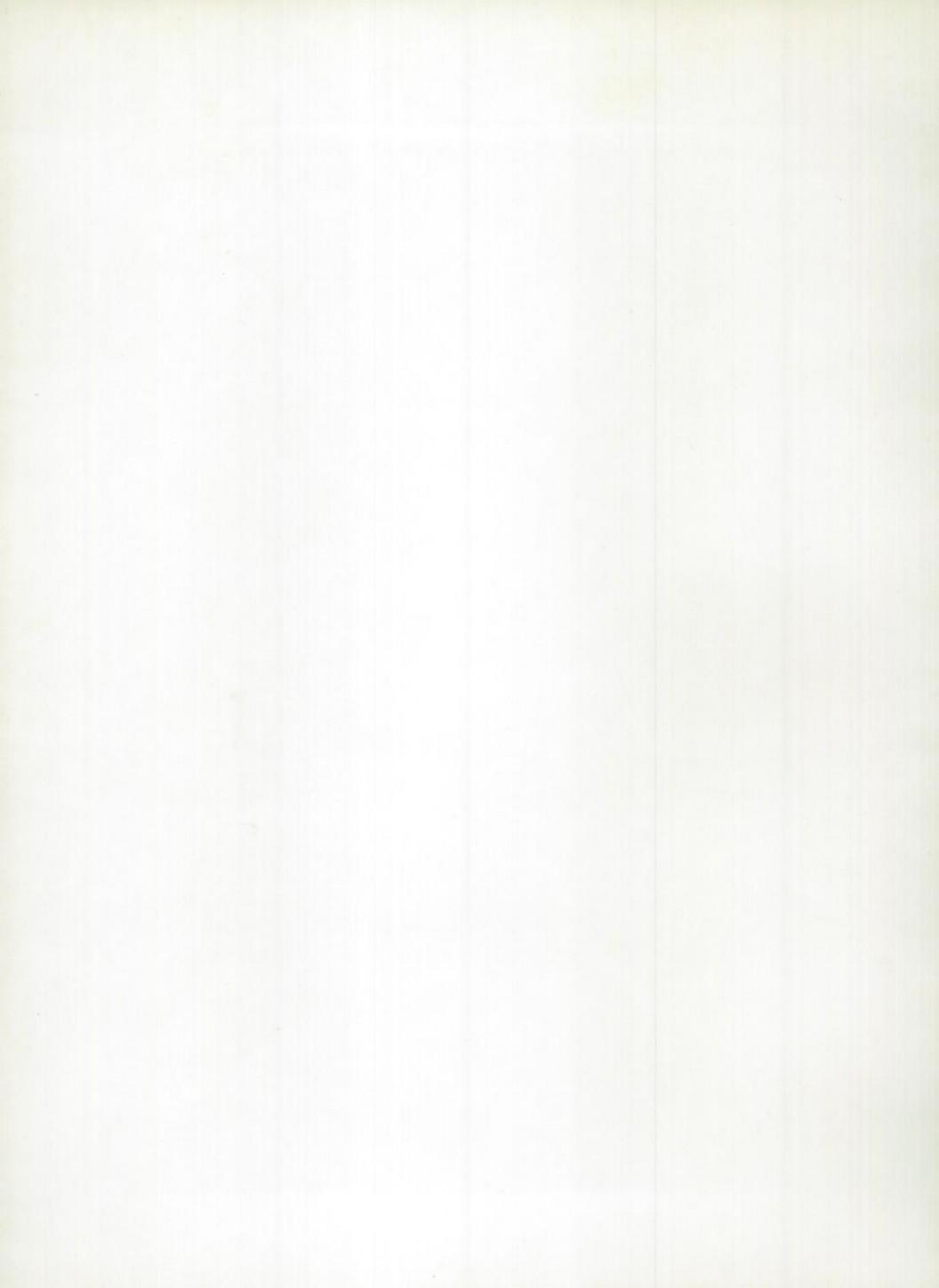


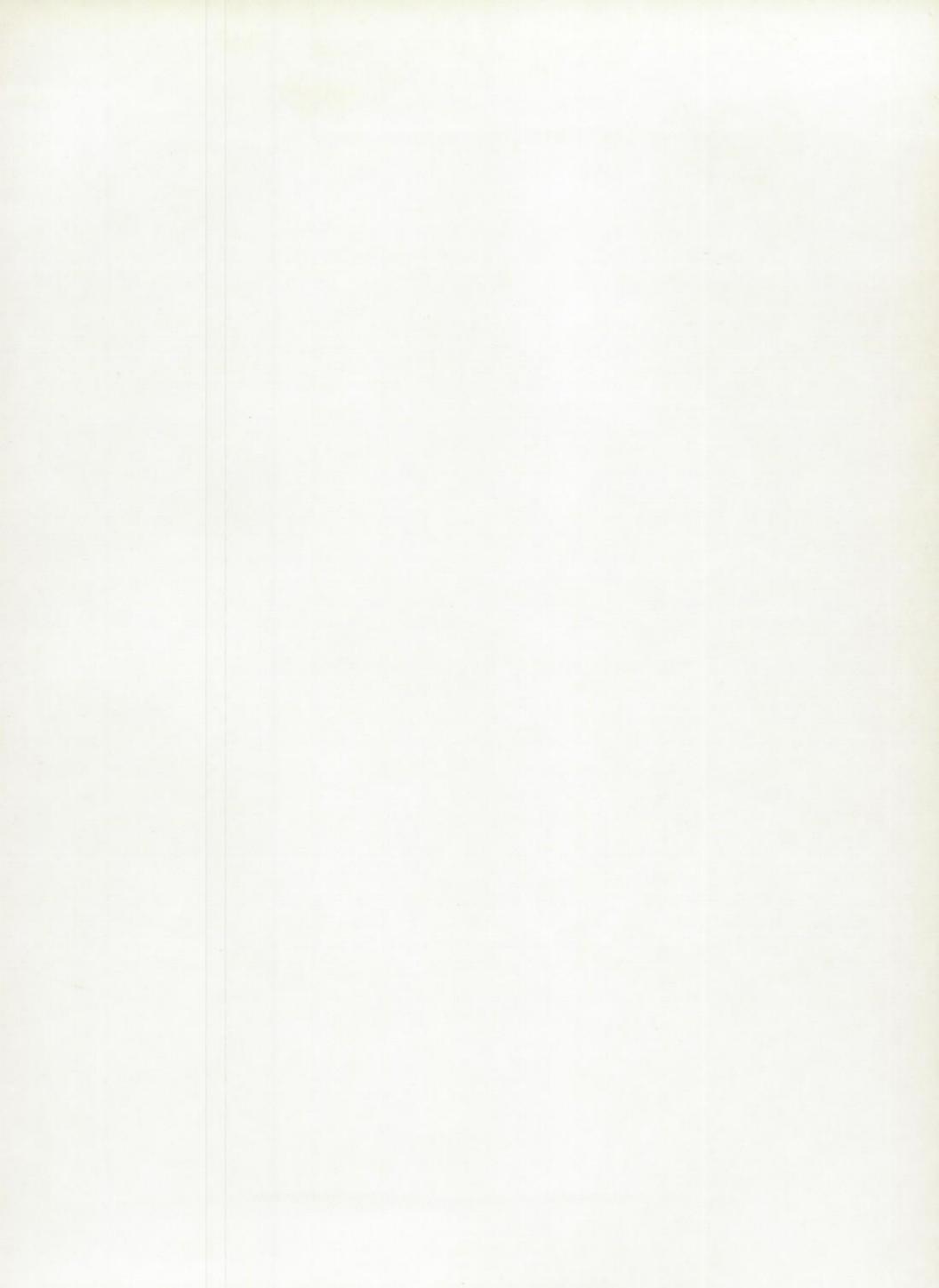


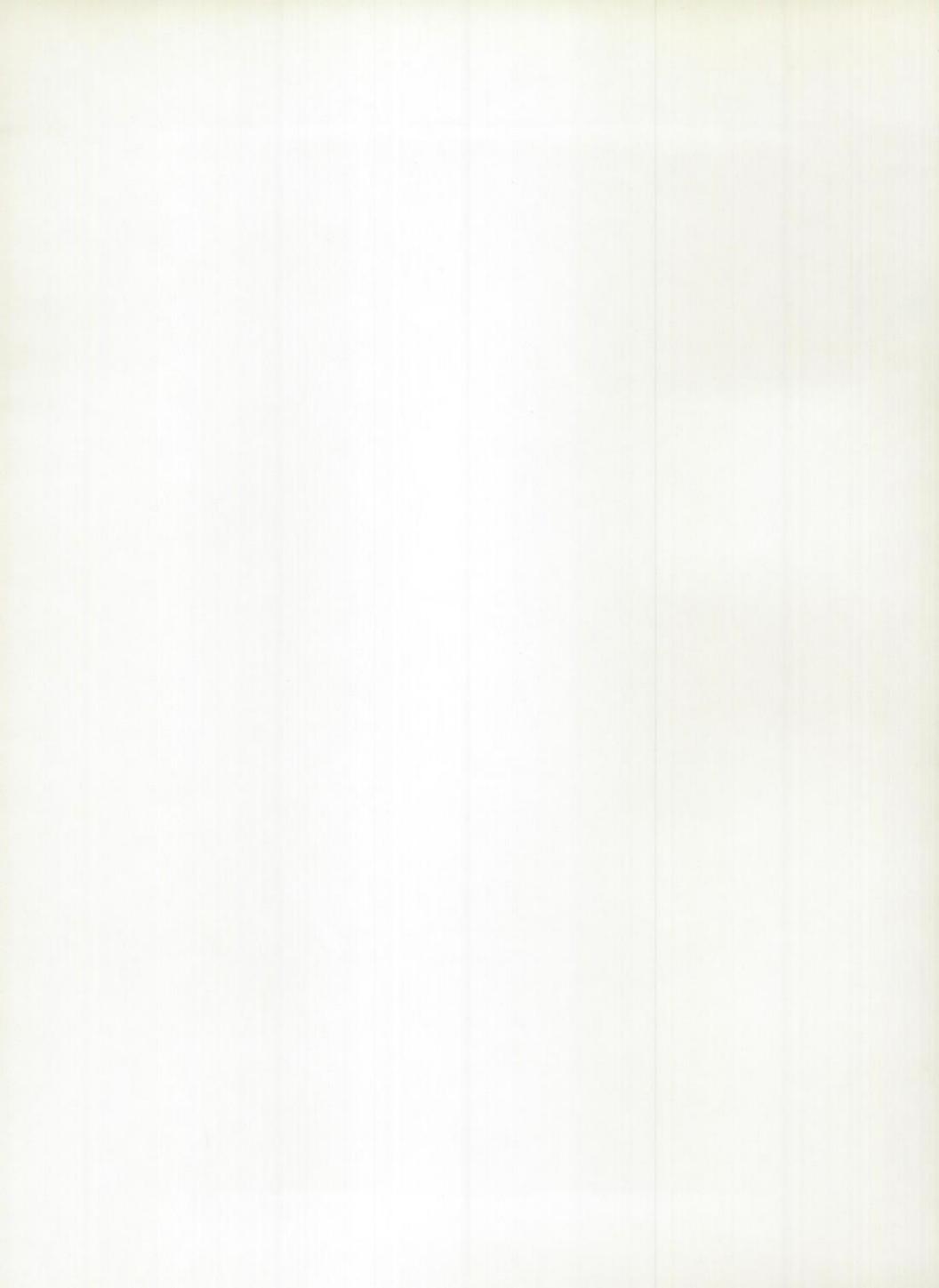


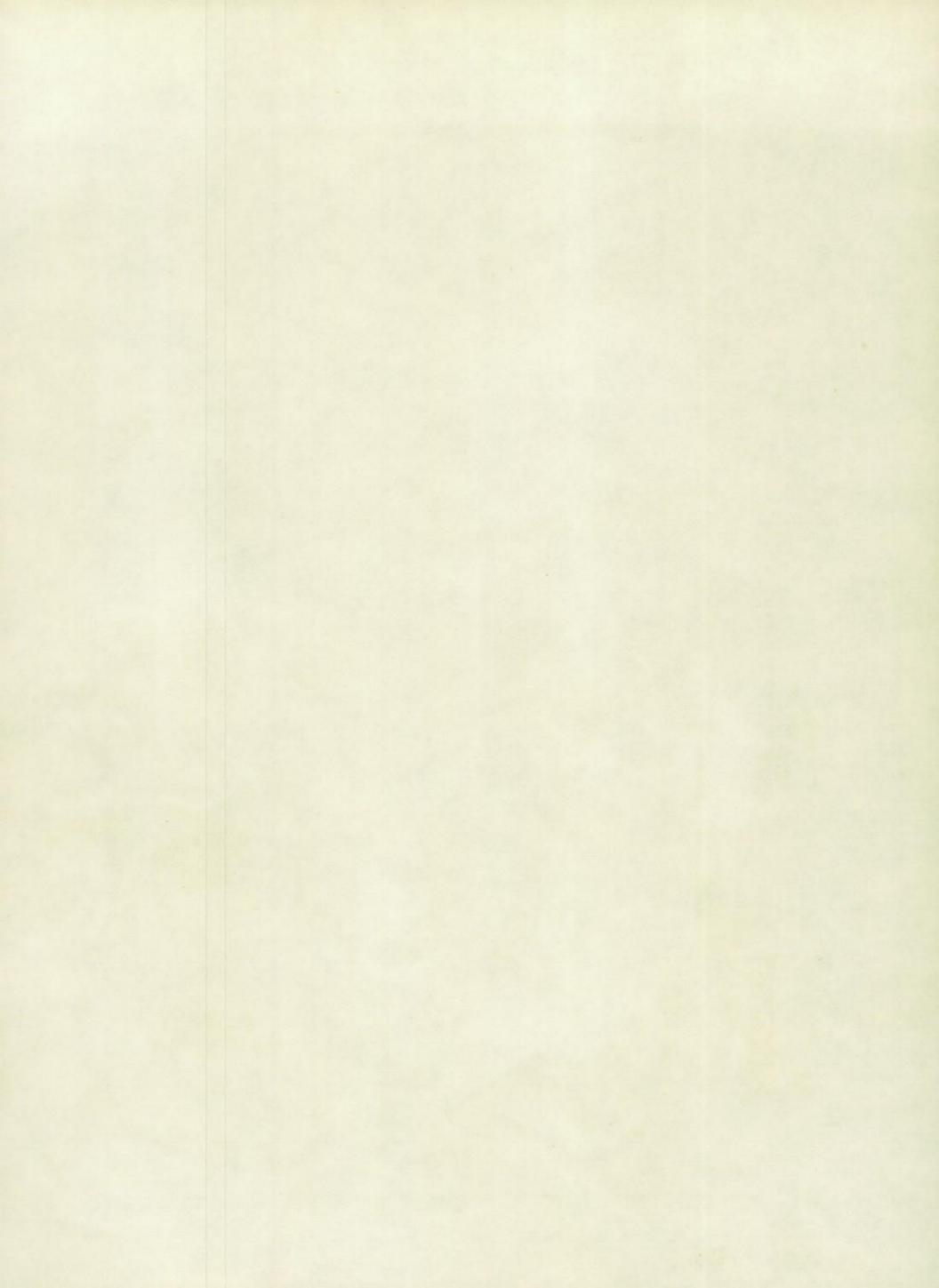






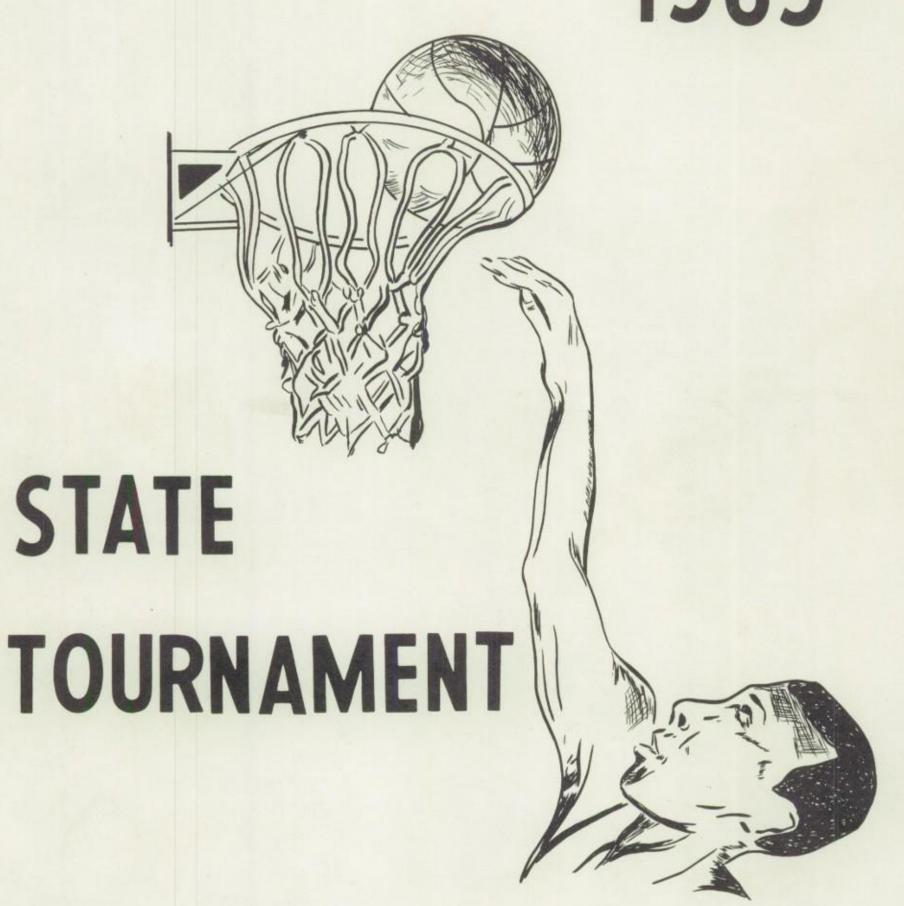




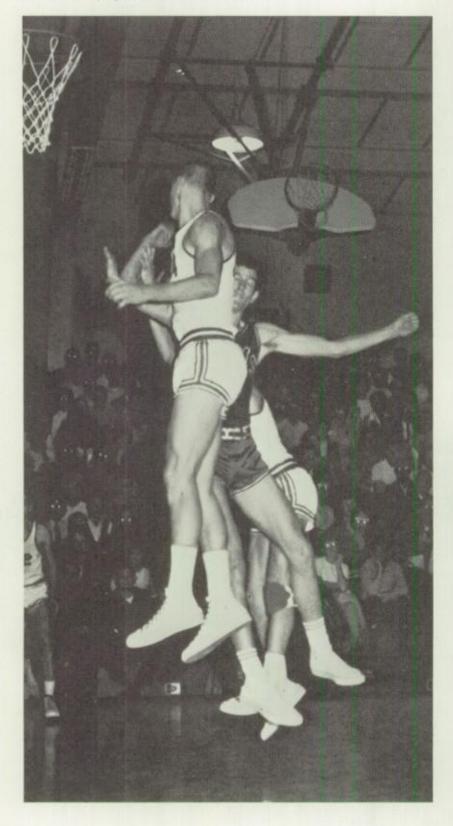


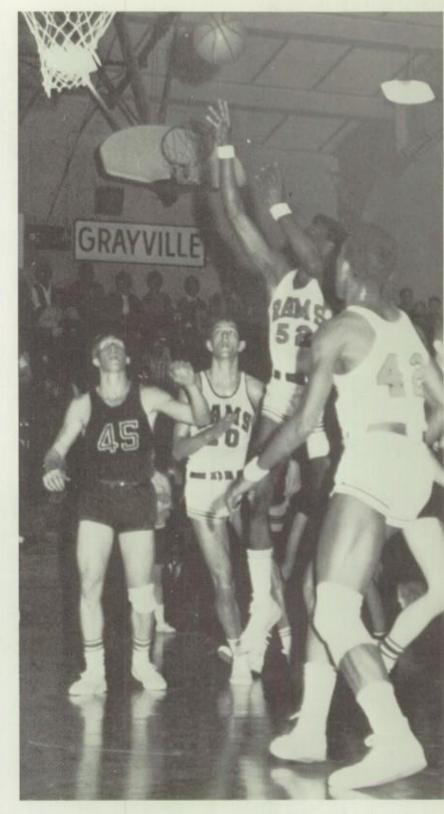


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Gerald Foster of Fairfield and Steve Strickland battle for a rebound in the Regional title game at Albion.

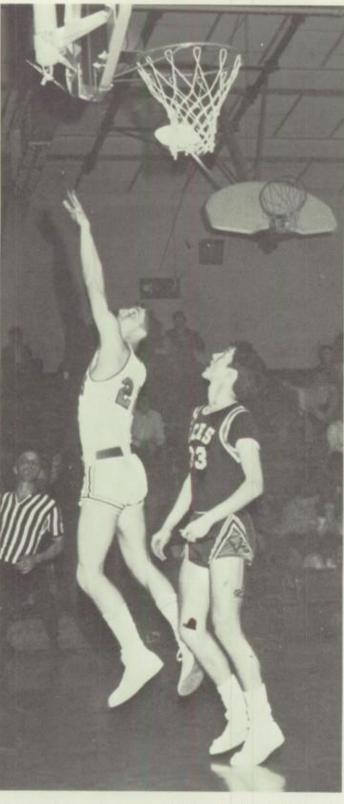




Frank Sanders drives all the way past Grayville defenders for a layup in an opening game of the Regional Tournament.

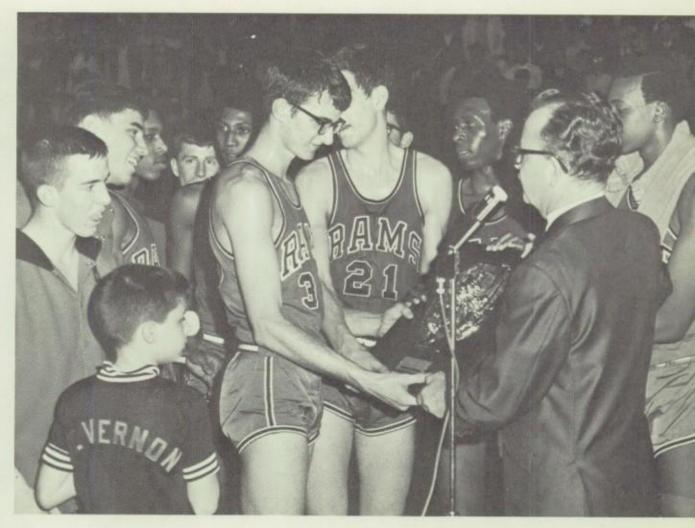
And the fans went wild ...





After receiving a pass on a fast break, John Kelly breaks the 100 point barrier in the Mt. Carmel Regional game.



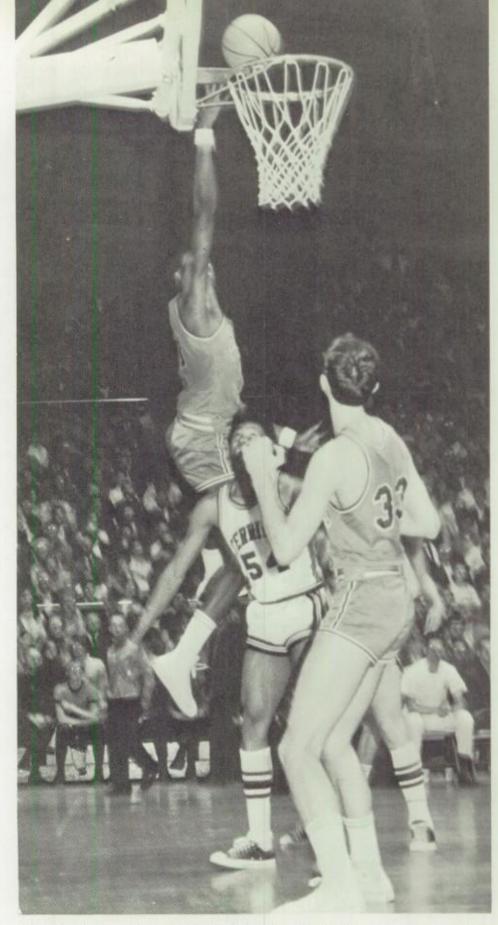


After an exhausting game, the team proudly accepts the Regional Tournament trophy.

## Rams Win Regional Twenty-fifth Time

Mt. Vernon started its bid for a journey to Champaign on March 4 when they played Grayville in the first game of the Albion Regional Tourney. Although they were seated second behind Fairfield in the Tournament they overcame Grayville and Mt. Carmel before finally defeating the Fairfield Mules 65-54 to win the Regional for the twenty-fifth time in thirty years. The Rams then advanced to the Sectional Tournament at Eldorado.

Maybe a small help to the boys and the coaches in winning the Regional, were the rabbit feet presented to them by the cheerleaders in a pep assembly. This assembly initiated the tremendous spirit and enthusiasm displayed by the Ramfans as their team headed for Champaign.



Nate Hawthorne fakes out Carbondale's Les Taylor for an easy two points at the Carbondale Super Sectional.

The spirit and excitement of the tournament is shown in the faces of the players and fans.



Terry Sledge puts up a one handed base line shot over Benton's Milton in the Sectional tournament.





In the Sectional finals against Eldorado, Eddie James lays a shot up and in from under the boards.





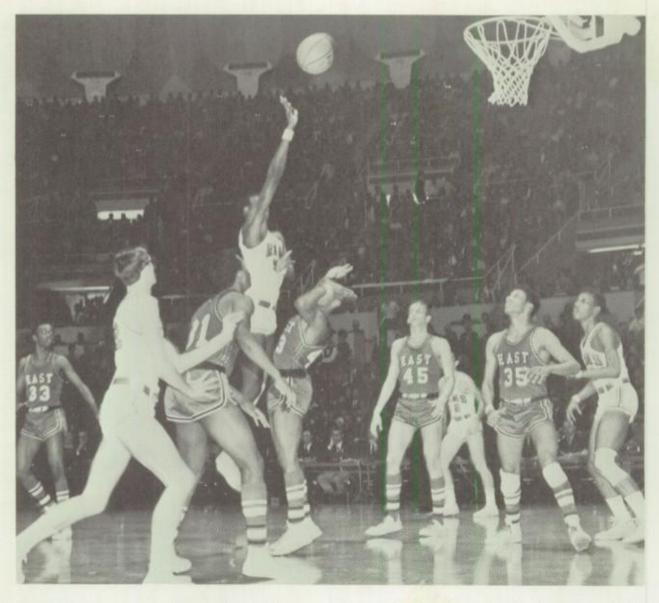
With victory in Eldorado, the Rams advanced to the Super Sectional meeting again with the Carbondale Terriers.

## Rams Champaign Bound

Although Mt. Vernon Rams were ranked to easily win the Eldorado Sectional Tournament they barely survived Benton's pressure game on the first round of play, but pulled through with a 69-62 victory. Mt. Vernon led by Eddie James' 36 points, overpowered a small, but determined, Eldorado team to gain their fourteenth State berth.

By the end of the Sectional play, spirit was at a high as pep assemblies interrupted the regular routine of the school day and cars were decorated for the trip to the Super Sectional game held at Carbondale's SIU Arena. Long strings of cars accompanied the Rams to Carbondale. When the players arrived back in Mt. Vernon in the early hours of the morning, the horns of cars and the enthusiasm was at an all time high.

A crowd of 10,000 watched Mt. Vernon with a 22-4 record upset fourth ranked Carbondale with a 25-3 record, by winning the Super Sectional 71-63. The year before the Rams had fallen to Carbondale 68-66 in the same Tournament. Nate Hawthorne, Ram All Stater, played one of his greatest games of his career, scoring 26 points and holding Les Taylor, who averaged 33 points per game in regular season play, to only 15 points. And the Rams were Champaign bound.



Ram All-Stater Nate Hawthorne adds another two points against East Aurora in the first game of the State Championship.



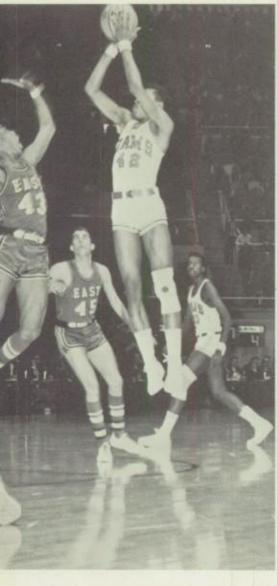
## Rams Shined in '69

Coach Bob Arnold gives frantic instructions in the last few minutes of the game.

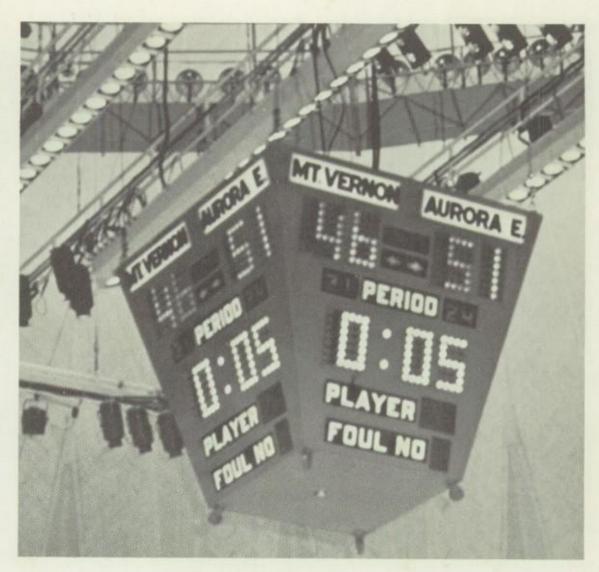


At the Rams' Welcome Home, Mr. Woodrome presented Paula Puckett, Miss Elite Eight, to the crowd.

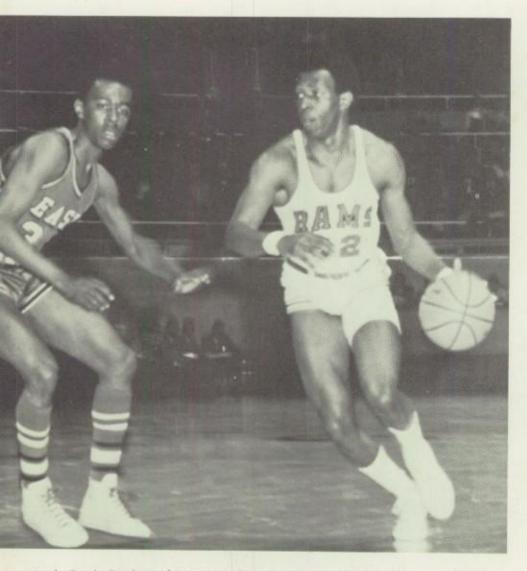




eaping Eddie James flies another two points o add to the 52-46 Ram defeat.



With only seconds left to play in the State Championship, the Rams finished the season with a 23-5 record.



am guard, Frank Sanders, drives past East Aurora guard Algie Neal, an All-Tourament selection, in the quarter final match.

The Rams went to Champaign with high hopes of gaining their fifth State Title and setting a new Illinois record for the most State Basketball Championships. At the first game of the Tournament, East Aurora surprised everyone as Mt. Vernon fell 52-46. Although the Rams fell short of Number One in the state, they did bring back two champions, Paula Puckett and Lynette Myles. Paula was crowned Miss Elite Eight and Lynette was selected as the best Mt. Vernon cheerleader in cheerleading competition.

The Ramfans, still proud of their boys welcomed them home with a police and fire engine escorted parade through town and then to the Vernois Gymnasium. There, a short reception was held with short speeches by Scott Hall, president of the Student Council, Mayor Joe Martin, Principal Archie Woodrome, and Superintendent J. D. Shields. Coach Arnold commented that he had enjoyed working with these boys and gave a few encouraging words for next year's team.

Even though Mt. Vernon didn't bring back the State Championship Title from Champaign, it was agreed that THE RAMS DID SHINE IN '69.

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